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Random Notes

Two or more weeks ago, the Minister of Immigration, Hon. John W. Pickersgill, made a speech in which he expressed some misgivings on the subject of immigration during recent years.

He is reported to have declared that since 1947 immigration had progressed at a rate that, today, one out of every 15 Canadians was either foreign born or the descendant of a foreign born immigrant. In the Minister's opinion, that trend, if continued, is likely to alter the character of the Canadian nation.

Unquestionably, Mr. Pickersgill's misgivings with regard to the rate of flow in Canadian immigration figures are shared by Labor union circles—but from a different viewpoint.

The objection of Labor to the present stream of immigration stems from the fact of unemployment which, it is claimed, is worse at the moment than for some time past, and which, it may be noted, was recognized by the government in emergency legislation enacted at the very beginning of the present parliamentary session in Ottawa.

Economists, we are told, hold diametrically opposite view to that of Labor on this question. In a country such as ours, the more people are brought in to fill up the vacant spaces, the greater the prosperity of the nation, it is said.

This view is probably shared by our statesmen; but is given greater urgency by the fact that with a population of only 15 millions, Canada, like Australia and New Zealand, is comparatively weak in man power when face-to-face with a predatory world.

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However, to revert to Mr. Pickersgill's conclusion: that the recent rate of immigration into Canada may be likely to alter the character of our nation.

The Minister did not elaborate; he neither dotted the i's or crossed the t's. Yet it is permissible to speculate upon his private opinion. Here we are assisted by recalling recent speeches made in the United States by the Hon. Lester B. Pearson, in which that gentleman has been at pains to point out that this country has its own views on world affairs.

From this, the inference may be drawn that Mr. Pickersgill fears the upsurge in immigration may be too large in volume to be readily assimilated in the Canadian "melting pot;" in short, that in time we may be in danger of becoming identical in outlook to our cousins across the border.

Nevertheless, if this line of thought influenced the minister in his appraisal of the immigration problem, had he not lost

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sight of an important element in the make-up of our nation, one-third of which is French-Canadian?

Alberta Golden Jubilee

1905-1955

The fiftieth year has been a year for Jubilation ever since the children of Israel were commanded to mark that year as a time of ingathering and celebration. It is right that we in Alberta, also, should hallow our fiftieth year for there is much cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing in a land so richly blessed by the Creator. A Golden Jubilee Year serves only to increase and concentrate the praise that should continually be going forth to God from a free and prosperous people.

Alberta Jubilee Celebrations will continue from January to December, but activities will be concentrated during the summer months beginning June 5th. The climax will come during Golden Jubilee Week of September 5th to 10th when gay parades will move through crowded streets and groups will join in the presentation of colorful pageants. Work completed will be dedicated and work to be done will be officially recognized by the traditional laying of the corner stone.

Preceding this week of festive activities will be the Provincial Day of Prayer. September 4th has been set aside as a day in which all citizens may give thanks for the progress of the past half century and humbly ask for continued prosperity in coming years.

All babies born in Alberta on Jubilee Day, September 1st, will receive engraved silver spoons and a presentation will also be made to all those married in the Province on Jubilee Day. Illuminated scrolls will be presented to senior citizens who were living in Alberta during 1905 and are residents during 1955.

Rustic arches are to be built to provide a permanent, decorative entry to the Province, and will be erected on main highways leading into the Province to welcome tourists and Jubilee visitors. The program of identifying and marking Alberta historic sites will be intensified during 1955, while the Department of Highways will establish as many picnic table sites as possible, placing shelters over tables where necessary and providing rest-rooms wherever possible.

A Red Deer River Valley Memorial Park is to be established in that area of Alberta noted for its relics of the prehistoric ages. This park will be dedicated during celebrations in the Badland district of Steveville.

A special information display will be erected at the Fort Macleod Tourist Information Bureau, a joint project of the Department of Economic Affairs and the Canadian Rockies Tourist Association. This is part of an extensive publicity program being undertaken to advertise and promote all features of the Alberta Golden Jubilee.

Special programs will centre around building projects in the Province, including the new auditoria in Edmonton and Calgary. Contracts for their construction provide for completion by September 1st, 1955.

Two mobile caravans are to be purchased to carry and exhibit Golden Jubilee displays. The caravans, which will be equipped with facilities for the projection of motion pictures, will tour Alberta towns, villages and municipalities from June to September as part of local Jubilee programs.

A professional square dance caller will be employed for about three weeks to assist in local Jubilee celebrations and possibly a dance orchestra will be invited to play at special Jubilee dances.

In the field of cultural activities, the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus will tour the Peace River district from May 1st to 10th, after which it may be available for performances in different parts of the Province. A song-writing competition, sponsored by the Alberta Music Board and offering three cash prizes for acceptable Jubilee songs, is hoped to lead to the publication of a book of Alberta Songs, while a play-writing competition for Alberta authors will offer three cash prizes of $250 each.

Alberta's Golden Jubilee Anthology is expected to be off the press early in March. Included in this book of Alberta articles, fiction and poetry, are reproductions of eight Alberta paintings. These paintings, purchased by the Government, will be on display during the year. Ten thousand copies of the Anthology are being purchased and will be distributed throughout the Province.

Special Jubilee activities in Alberta Schools will be arranged by the Alberta Department of Education, with the Department of Agriculture providing seedlings for beautification projects. On June 9th Jubilee activities in the schools will end with a program and the dedication of the trees.

To assist municipalities in the organization of local Jubilee celebrations, the Government will make available a grant at 25¢ per capita. This fund may be used for the purchase of coloured plaques, Jubilee bunting or decorations, but it is hoped that many municipalities will use the fund for the establishment of some permanent project such as rest centres, parks or playgrounds.

As each community is being urged to set up its own Jubilee Committee and to arrange local celebrations, the Alberta Golden Jubilee Committee has sent out questionnaires to each municipality. When returned, these questionnaires will give the Committee information which will enable them to help each community plan their celebration.

Farmer-Labor Agreement

As the upshot of a meeting between representatives from the Farm Union Council and Canadian Congress of Labor, which heads the two main labor bodies, held in Ottawa last week, it was announced that organized labor will not exert any effort to upset the existing low grain freight rates as fixed by the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement.

Chief Justice Gordon Sloan of British Columbia in announcing his decision on the wage dispute between the railways and employees on November 22 last, suggested the low rates on export grain were largely the reason why the union could not get all they demanded from the railways.

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Minutes M.D. Council of Starland, No. 47

The regular meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Starland, No. 47, was held in the municipal office, Morrin, on Tuesday, February 8th, 1955, at 10:00 a.m.

Members present as follows: Reeve McLaren, Dep. Reeve Nelson, Couns. Chambers, Brown, Montgomery.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved on motion of Reeve McLaren.

Moved by Dep. Reeve Nelson and carried, that the previous assessment be adopted for the year 1955, as required under Section 17 (4) of the Assessment Act.

Reeve McLaren reported that F. G. Thompson would not be available to Act as D.R.O. at Victor Hall, and that it would be necessary for R.O. Henry Swallow to appoint a D.R.O. in his stead.

Moved by Coun. Chambers and carried, that compensation for moving and replacing mutual telephone lines be paid at $90.00 per mile for a two wire line, plus $5.00 per mile for each additional wire carried.

Moved by Coun. Montgomery and carried, that the sum of $75.00 cash and road work done in 1953 and 1954 be accepted as payment in full for cleaning out the Folt Johnson sand pit in 1953.

A delegation was present representing the Sunbeam Mutual Telephone Co. After some discussion it was moved by Coun. Montgomery and carried, that the Sunbeam Mutual Telephone Co. be paid for moving four miles of line at a rate of $50.00 per mile, plus the sum of $116.05 for damages. Total payment of $316.05.

Moved by Coun. Montgomery and carried, that an additional $75.00 be paid Einar Rudiyes, compensation in full for crop damages in 1953 on S.W.¼ 25-31-20-4.

Moved by Coun. Chambers and carried, that offer of S. Volk, Drumheller, to purchase the W½ 1-29-18-4, be tabled until Council meeting of March 8th.

Moved by Reeve McLaren and carried, that Court of Revision be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 1955, at 2:00 p.m., in the Municipal Office, Morrin.

Moved by Dep. Reeve Nelson and carried, that application of Paul Toliver, Rumsey, to lease road allowance south of S.W.¼ 2-33-20-4 be approved.

Moved by Reeve McLaren and carried, that application of A. M. Gamble, Byemoor, to lease portion of road allowance east of N.E.¼ 36-33-18-4, be approved.

Moved by Reeve McLaren and carried that George Blades, Irma, be granted the sum of $100.00, same to be withdrawn from funds to the credit of N½ 3-32-19-4 in the Tax Sale Surplus Trust Account.

Field Supervisor George W. Robertson reported on his activities for the past month. The matter of a sprayer to be used for control of weeds and growth on roadsides, spraying for warble fly control, etc., was again discussed. The field Supervisor was authorized to investigate the most suitable type of sprayer and costs of same. Field Supervisor's report was accepted, on motion of Dep. Reeve Nelson.

Moved by Coun. Montgomery and carried, that a STOP sign be placed on the east-west road at the north-east corner of the N.E.¼ 24-31-21-4, where said east-west road intersects D.H. 41-3-42.

Moved by Coun. Chambers and carried, that this Council support the plan of the Board of the Drumheller Health Unit as regards dental services in the Health Unit area.

Moved by Reeve McLaren and carried, that the following Enumerators be appointed:—

Division 2.—R. B. King, B. R. Wade, W. J. Burroughs.

Division 5.—W. R. Thomson, F. A. DeMott, Mrs. F. Nelson, A. Asserud.

The monthly Financial Statement as presented by the Secretary-Treasurer was accepted by the Council and signed by the Reeve.

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Poliomyelitis Campaign

Below is a list of subscribers to above, sponsored by the local branch Canadian Legion, at the request of Alberta National Foundation for Research. The campaign will continue for the next four weeks. Further donations to this worthy cause will be thankfully received by C. A. Marshall and the Ladies' Auxiliary, and published in "The Delia Times."

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Supplementary Barley Quota

The Canadian Wheat Board has authorized a supplementary barley quota of 3 bushels per acre seeding to barley in 1954 or 300 bushels, whichever is the greater, providing such barley was produced on the land described in the producer's permit book.

There is a good demand for barley, both export and domestic, and the Wheat Board is anxious to maintain a good supply in commercial position.

The Rio Grande is the largest river in Mexico.

Ten to twenty thousand skunk pelts are taken by Canadian fur trappers each year.

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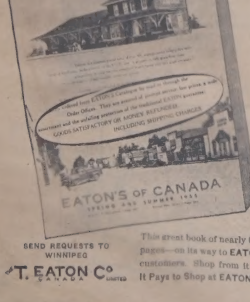
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Other exchanges converted in the past few years are Melville, Assiniboia, Moosomin, Biggar, Watrous, Weyburn, Nipawin, Tisdale and Kindersley.

With the Estevan cut-over, the new automatic equipment will provide 1,100 lines for local service, 100 for rotary business purposes and 40 for rural line service. A new four position toll switchboard will replace the present six position battery switchboard, the last one to be used by the Saskatchewan Government Telephones.

In addition, substantial alterations to the cable facilities in Estevan were completed at a cost of approximately $70,000. This work improved the distribution system and made telephones available to the waiting applicants in the town.

Mr. Kuziak said the cost of the new exchange, automatic equipment and other necessary improvements will be in excess of $275,000. Rural lines have been equipped with ringing equipment to serve 275 rural subscribers.

The Estevan plant was purchased from the Saskatchewan Telephone Company in July, 1909, when it had 83 subscribers. With the cut-over there will be more than 1,470 subscribers, as a result of filling waiting applicants.

The conversion of the Estevan exchange to automatic service, Mr. Kuziak said, is another step toward a completely dial operated system and would bring more and better telephone service to the Estevan exchange area.

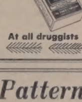
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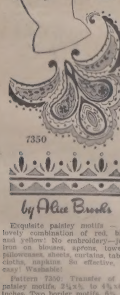
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"There are two words that I never want to hear you use around here," he said. "One is lousy and the other is terrific."

"O.K.," replied the girl. "What are the words?"

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The father was solemnly explaining the ceremony to his six-year-old daughter who was looking at a wedding picture of her parents. Suddenly the daughter exclaimed: "Oh! Is that when you got mother to come work for us?"

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A newlywed groom came home one evening with a package of sausage and suggested that the bride prepare them for breakfast. "How do you cook them!" his bride inquired timidly.

"Fry 'em just like fish," instructed the husband patiently.

Next morning the bride sat at the breakfast table and apologized. "I hope you enjoy the sausages, dear, but there wasn't much left of them after I cleaned the insides out."

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"Do you know what the motto of this company is?" the personnel officer asked the job applicant.

"Yes, sir," came the reply, "it's 'Push.'"

"What gave you that idea?" asked the interviewer.

"I saw it on the door when I came in," said the applicant.

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A frightened householder excitedly reported to police headquarters that he had been struck down in the dark outside his back door by an unknown assailant.

A young policeman was sent to the scene of the crime to investigate and soon returned to headquarters with a lump on his forehead and a glum look on his face.

"I solved the case," he muttered.

"Amazingly fast work," his superior complimented him. "How did you accomplish it?"

The young cop explained: "I stepped on the same rake."

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During a pause in a long, tiring speech, one guest said to another: "What follows this speaker?"

Second Guest: "Wednesday."

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An elderly man of convival habits, but also bookish, was hailed before the bar of justice in a small country town.

"You are charged with being drunk and disorderly," said the J.P. "Have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced on you?"

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," began the prisoner in a flight of oratory. "I am not so debased as Poe, so profligate as Byron, so ungrateful as Keats, so intemperate as Burns, so timid as Tennyson, so vulgar as Shakespeare, so—"

"Seven days," interrupted the J.P. "and, constable, take down that list of names he mentioned and round them up. We must keep the town clean."

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A novelist's wife was forever trying to curb her husband's habit of swearing. One day while shaving, the writer nicked his chin, and promptly burst into a hurricane of colorful language. His wife repeated it all after him hoping that she would shame him into reforming.

Instead, he waited for her to finish, then with a twinkle in his eyes, said "You have the words, my dear, but you don't know the tune!"

The throne of England is a Gothic chair made of oak and is situated in the House of Lords.

Flemish and French are spoken in Belgium. 3126

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Meat Patties with Tomatoes

¾ pound ground beef,
¼ pound ground pork or sausage,
1 egg, slightly beaten,
½ cup finely chopped onions,
½ teaspoon salt,
¼ teaspoon pepper,
2 cups crisp rice cereal,
1½ cups cooked tomatoes.

Combine first seven ingredients, mix well. Shape into 12.

Fry in small amount of heated shortening or drippings, turning until well browned on all sides.

Pour on tomatoes; cover. Continue cooking over low heat about 45 minutes or until meat balls are thoroughly cooked.

Serve at once. Yields 6 servings, 2 medium meat patties each.

Manitoba 1954 Vital Statistics

May, June and July were the significant months for Manitobans during the year 1954. Preliminary figures released by the Vital Statistics branch of the Department of Health and Public Welfare indicate that May holds the records for the largest number of deaths. June was most popular for weddings and July was the only month to see births exceed th 2,000 mark.

There were altogether a total of 20,018 live births, 6,237 marriages, 6,002 deaths and 296 stillbirths registered during the year.

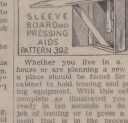
Preliminary maternal mortality and infant mortality rates for 1954 are lowest ever experienced in the province, states E. S. MacInnes, Recorder for the Division of Vital Statistics. Nine maternal deaths have been recorded to date, giving a maternal mortality rate of 0.4 per thousand livebirths.

Total number of infant deaths registered was 569, making an infant mortality rate of 28 per thousand livebirths.

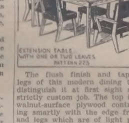
While present returns show 1954 livebirths below the 1953 and 1952 levles, indications are that final figures will surpass the 1953 record of 21,469 births, Mr. MacInnes stated.

Accidents were the fourth largest cause for deaths in the province during the year. First on the list was heart disease, followed by cancer and vascular lesions affecting the central nervous system.

Home Workshop



Whether you live in a used house or are planning a new one, a place should be found for this cabinet to hold ironing and pressing equipment. With this cabinet complete as illustrated you are ready in ten seconds to do any job of ironing or to press a garment that is in the process of making. Directions for the cabinet and ironing board are on pattern 391. Large diagrams and one-two-three directions for making the small board and ham-shaped cushions which tailors use when pressing sleeves and the shoulders of garments are all on pattern 392. These patterns are 35c each and will be mailed the day order is received. For first class mail delivery add 2c, or 5c for air mail for each pattern ordered.



The flush finish and tapered legs of this modern dining table distinguish it at first sight as a strictly custom job. The top is of walnut-surface plywood contrasting smartly with the edge frame and legs which are of light pine. For use in a kitchen alcove or a snack room a more practical top would be one of the bright colored panel materials with plastic chair seats to match. The table is 31½ inches wide and four feet long. The construction drawings show each member separately and just how they go together. There are also large clear drawings for making the extension slides for those who want to use an extra leaf. The patterns are 35c each.

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4-H Club news briefs

Top Kamloops stock show

Two 4-H members emerged from the sixteenth annual Christmas Fat Stock Show and sale at Kamloops, British Columbia with both grand and reserve championship awards.

Jean Pringle, 19, won grand championship with "Sonny Boy," a 950-pound calf, while Dennis Atkinson won reserve honors with his 915-pound steer. Both Jean and Dennis are leading 4-H members in their home communities.

Jean is twice-winner of the Show's grand championship award, the first being in 1927. The following year she left the farm to work in a law office in Kamloops but returned last year to re-enter 4-H and eventually to bring further honors to her club and community.

Annual meeting

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs will be held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, March 7, 8, 9. Provincial supervisors of 4-H, together with representatives of the business companies and agricultural organizations who are members of the council, will attend. E. S. Manning, Council President, will be the general chairman.

Manitoba boy wins

David Remus, 17 years of age and a member of the Emerson 4-H Grain Club in Manitoba, has been awarded first prize in an essay contest sponsored by the North Central Weed Control conference, covering fourteen states in the United States and the three prairie provinces in Canada.

The competition is sponsored by the National Grain Company and the top award includes a $300 scholarship which can be used at any recognized agricultural college. David also won the $25.00 regional competition prize for Manitoba.

New council member

National Grain Company Limited, with headquarters in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has recently become a member of the Canadian Council on 4-H clubs. Mr. F. C. Vodrey, manager, Agricultural Department, has ben named the company's representative to the Council's Board of Directors.

4-H girl wins

Miriam Stevenson of Winnsboro, South Carolina, recently chosen "Miss Universe," made an excellent record during her eight years as an active 4-H Club member. She joined the local dairy calf club in 1943 and continued until graduation from high school in 1951.

Following high school Miriam sold three of her animals to help finance a course in home economics at Lander College, S.C. From her first entry in a beauty contest in 1952, Miriam went on to be selected "Miss United States" in 1954, and from there to her highest honor "Miss Universe." In winning this honor she was offered a Hollywood movie contract but declined in favor of continuing her course in home economics.

Canadian women used an average of slightly more than 11 pairs each of full-fashioned hosiery in 1953.

The Annual Meeting Of Shareholders
The Royal Bank of Canada

1955 to be "Year of Decision" for Canada, Determining Economic Welfare for Years to Come, Declares James Muir

Prosperous Future Lies in Improving Competitive Position, Not in Hiding Behind Trade Barriers. Scope of Existing Agencies Should be Broadened to Provide Long-Term Export Credits.

The conviction that 1955 will be a "year of decision" in which the solution of immediate problems will have a tremendous capacity for good or evil in Canada's future was expressed by James Muir, Chairman and President, at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada. Only a rare combination of statesmanship and good fortune, he declared, could guarantee a proper solution of these problems.

"In a period of obvious inflation or deflation," said Mr. Muir, "it is comparatively easy to decide on the appropriate direction of monetary and fiscal policy, and the major problem becomes that of choosing the combination that achieves maximum effectiveness with the least cost and dislocation to the economy. The really difficult decisions must be made at a time like the present when it is still unsafe to pronounce inflation entirely cured and still less so to assume that the paramount danger of the moment is the galloping deflation of the early 1930's.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

"The problems posed by the high cost economy become more acute with every increase in the competitive threat of foreign industry to Canada's markets at home and abroad. Pressure for protective measures becomes more insistent as the immediate effects of sharpened competition become apparent. I am still of the opinion that Canada's future lies on the side of improving her competitive position rather than isolating herself behind heightened barriers to trade.

"Increased protection is no answer. The disadvantage of our dollar's high exchange value is general: it affects all Canadian producers. It imposes a tax on exports and a subsidy on imports. Protection helps only those Canadian producers who must compete in the home markets against imports: it does nothing for our exporters except to subject them to a further rise in domestic costs and hence to a further limit on their ability to compete in foreign markets.

LONG-TERM FINANCING

"The noticeable decline in exports since 1952 may also be attributed to a number of interrelated causes: price declines, increased competition from low cost producers abroad, the recovery of industrial capacity in war-torn countries, and the like. All these tend to alter relative cost and price relationships in the world market to Canada's disadvantage. But, in addition to the important matter of relative costs, a new factor has been injected by European suppliers who are able, with government support, to offer long-term financing to their customers in the world market.

"In view of the importance to Canada, today and in the future, not only of maintaining exports, but of maintaining intact her industrial legacy from wartime expansion, it seems abundantly clear that definite action should now be taken to provide our traders with the credit facilities they lack. These facilities might take various forms; but, in general, they could be provided by a corporation, owned partly or wholly by the Government, with the power to discount export paper of longer term than chartered banks can handle. The essential function of such a corporation could indeed be provided very simply by widening the scope and operations of existing government entities now active in assisting trade and industry.

1955: YEAR OF DECISION

"I believe that 1955 is a 'year of decision' in which our solution of immediate problems will have a tremendous capacity for good or evil in the years to come," said Mr. Muir. "During 1954 we have seen not only a defeat of inflationary forces in the economy but the reappearance, at least in a shadowy form, of the deflation bogey of the 1930's. In January, 1954, I referred to the fact that the inflationary boom had already become, for some sectors of the economy, a thing of the past. Since then we have seen a rise in unemployment and a reduction of some magnitude in certain components of the National Accounts as well as in the Gross National Product itself. We have seen as well increased competition in home and foreign markets from the revived industry of the United Kingdom, Western Europe, and Japan."

"Within an overall climate of political and economic freedom, our policy decisions in government and business during 1955 should take due account of four interdependent goals of an economic policy directed towards the economic welfare of the community. The first of these is to ensure that our human resources are not wasted in involuntary idleness; that is, we should try to maintain a high and stable level of business activity and employment. The second goal is to ensure that our resources, when fully employed, are allocated in such a way as to produce the maximum volume of goods and services and to bring these goods and services to market in the proportions in which consumers want them. The third goal is to ensure that the distribution of the national product and income combines equity with the highest possible incentive to increase the total amount of product to be shared. The fourth and final goal is to ensure that all our policy decisions are consistent with an appropriate rate of economic progress and growth in the economy as a whole."

FORESIGHT NEEDED

"We have the natural resources necessary to make our own efforts worth while, and so in the end our progress depends upon the quality and quantity of our human resources. I do not think we need have many doubts about the high quality of our human resources. But it remains for farsighted policy in business and government to ensure not only that this high quality is fully and efficiently used, so as to realize fully our capacity to produce and prosper today, but that we achieve the proper degree of expansion in the quantity of these resources available for use tomorrow. We must start today to create the economic environment that will both encourage, and enable us to take full advantage of, that growth in population and capital without which we cannot realize the great potentialities that lie in our wealth of natural resources.

"How we meet our problems in this year of decision will, as I have said, profoundly affect the direction and rate of Canada's growth. If the decisions we make are in keeping both with the realities of the present and with those of that greater Canada which can be seen in outline even now, we may safely leave our doubts behind and, by making the decisions appropriate to greatness, bring greatness itself within our grasp."

General Manager Reports Assets Over $3 Billion

T. H. Atkinson, General Manager, in reviewing the bank's 1954 report, stated that total assets of The Royal Bank of Canada have now passed the three-billion mark. This, he pointed out, was a new record in the history of Canadian banking, and an indication of the bank's pre-eminence in the opinion of the public.

Deposits had also reached record totals, said Mr. Atkinson, pointing out that they now stand at $2,797,548,149. "It would have been reasonable to expect a decline in loans to accompany a falling off in the gross national product," he commented, "but this has not been the case, although the pace at which loans were expanding has slowed down. Our loans have increased to a total of $1,188,022,047."

Mr. Atkinson said that for the first time, the revised Bank Act enables banks to advance money against new residential construction under the National Housing Act. "We had advances outstanding in this category amounting to $22,672,390," he said. "Actually our total commitments are something over $62,000,000—the difference between the two amounts to be loaned as construction proceeds. This represents approximately 40% of the total commitments of all the banks."

ROYAL BANK ABROAD

Mr. Atkinson reported that the bank's foreign branches had made further progress during the year, with most satisfactory results.

"In keeping with our past policy of extending our services to new areas where development warrants banking facilities, we have opened one branch outside Canada during the past year and in the near future will open three more in the Caribbean area which will bring the total of our foreign branches to 74. These 74 branches mean 74 Canadian representatives abroad whose services are at the disposal of Canadian businessmen to give them first-hand information on conditions in their respective localities. At a time when Canadian export trade has been declining as a result of increased and intensified competition from other exporting countries, these 74 information centres abroad can be of inestimable value to Canadian exporters by assisting them through up-to-date and first-hand knowledge of the local markets.

"Our foreign service is a source of great pride to us and, we feel, justifiably so. During the past 55 years, we have built up an enviable reputation abroad and are very much an integral part of the business life of the countries where we operate; in fact, in some cases we are considered a local bank rather than a foreign one.

GREAT STAFF TEAM

"Including maintenance staff, technicians, and others with special duties, we now employ well in excess of 15,000 people. They are welded into a great and resolute team which take second place to none. 1954 was no exception to the pattern of the post-war period which has seen the emergence annually of increased volume and new business procedures to place fresh demands upon the staff. Again the challenge has been met with skill and devotion.

"We are proud of our staff, not only for what they accomplish on public counters and at their desks but for the services they perform voluntarily outside the bank in the hundreds of communities in which we are represented. We have files of heartwarming letters as eloquent testimony that their efforts do not go unappreciated."

Embryo barley test is urged

Saskatoon.—The embryo test should be established as the sole means of determining the prevalance of loose smut in barley, Jim Farquharson, president of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association declares.

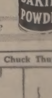
He told the annual meeting of the association's Saskatchewan branch that the federal laboratory of plant pathology in Saskatoon could handle the embryo tests for Saskatchewan if field inspections for loose smut were eliminated. The Saskatoon laboratory discovered and developed the embryo test.

SCIENTIFIC WORK

SASKATOON. — Dr. Rudolph Atlshcul, professor of anatomy at the college of medicine of the University of Saskatchewan, has had a book entitled "Endthelium" published. It deals with scientific problems of the thin lining of blood vessels.

Mustard-Pickle Dumplings

Mix and sift into a bowl, 1½ c. once-sifted pastry flour (or 1⅓ c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 3 tsps. Magic Baking Powder, ⅓ tsp. salt. Cut in finely 2 tbs. chilled shortening. Make a well in dry ingredients and add ⅓ c. finely-chopped mustard pickle in sauce and ¼ c. milk; mix lightly with a fork, adding milk if necessary, to make a drop dough. Drop in 6 portions, over hot cooked stew. Cover closely and simmer (never lifting the cover) for 15 mins. Yield—6 servings.



Always Dependable

PEGGY —By Chuck Thurston



Manitoba telephone system to apply for rate increase

Rising costs and increased taxation are forcing the Manitoba Telephone System to apply for an increase in rates, states Hon. C. L. Shuttleworth, minister of Public Utilities. Rates in Manitoba have not changed since 1921, he said, while the value of the telephone service as well as costs of labor and material is much greater than they were 30 years ago.

Mr. Shuttleworth was reporting on the progress of the Manitoba Telephone System and the Manitoba Power Commission and the creation of a Motor Vehicle Branch under the minister of Public Utilities in a "Provincial Affairs" radio broadcast.

More than 15,000 telephones have been added to the system in the past 12 months, he said, and the 200,000th telephone will be installed within the next few weeks.

Uniform numbering plan

A uniform numbering plan has been made necessary, he said, by the rapid advances in the operator toll dialling program on a continent-wide basis. Next July, the system will take its first step towards what will become in 1955 a two-letter-five-numeral plan in Greater Winnipeg and in some provincial dial offices.

Steps have already been taken to establish the microwave radio system which will relay microwaves across Manitoba and be part of a chain of such installations between Winnipeg and Toronto, the Minister reports. The chain will eventually reach from coast to coast.

Manitoba is western Canada's most completely electrified province, Mr. Shuttleworth stated.

"Nowhere else in the world has area coverage rural electrification been attempted in territory as sparsely settled as Manitoba without financial contribution from the farmer," he declared.

In nine years, he said, the number of farms being served by the network has increased from 1,000 to 42,000. At the same time the commission has extended electric power to 491 cities, towns and villages of the province.

The year 1954 also saw the M.P.C. connect its 100,000th customer to its system.

Latest, D.B.S. figures indicate that Manitoba's average annual consumption of 500 million kilowatt hours of electricity runs about 19 percent higher than the Dominion average.

83 Percent domestic

An "unparalleled acceptance" of electricity by domestic customers in Manitoba is revealed in the fact that they consume 83 percent more electricity than the Canadian average.

Cost per kilowatt hour to domestic customers is 28 percent below national average.

At present, certain phases of motor vehicle administration, such as license fees, come under the treasury department. Others, notably the highway safety and safety responsibility, come under the attorney-general and still others involving commercial trucking and taxi cabs are the responsibility of the Municipal and Public Utility Board.

The need for consolidating the various functions of motor vehicle administration has grown with the phenomenal growth in motor vehicle ownership in Manitoba Mr. Shuttleworth said.

In 1945 there were 92,758 motor vehicles in Manitoba as compared with 200,000 in 1953. Number of trucks increased from 22,670 in 1945 to 49,504 in 1953.

Wet weather hits control of wild oats

SASKATOON.—Efforts to control wild oats, the most serious weed problem for western farmers, are often nullified by temperature and wet weather.

This was brought out in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Agricultural College Graduates' Association.

H. W. Leggett, superintendent of the Regina experimental farm sub-station, said the chief difficulty in eradicating wild oats is the persistence of seeds in the soil for many years.

Delayed crop seeding had been found the best means of controlling wild oats. Farmers could not expect to seed a wheat crop for wild oats control. It must be an early maturing crop like barley which, if seeded late, could still be harvested before the fall frosts.

Scout jamboree *August 18 to 28*

Only eight months remain before the Eighth World Scout Jamboree takes place at Niagara-on-the-Lake, next August 18 to 28. There is marked acceleration of interest in this, the first world Scout gathering ever to be held in North America.

Great Britain is planning a sizeable contingent; Germany hopes to send at least 120 Scouts and leaders; Italy plans a group of 100 Scouts and ten leaders; France is working for a large contingent; Liechenstein is sending four or five; the Netherlands, 44; Portugal, 11; Sweden, 30; Switzerland, 150; according to latest reports.

South Africa has a party of 22 coming to the Jamboree; Australia, 30; Mexico, 143; Venezuela 72 and the United States 1,500. As host country, Canada will have 3,500 Scouts and leaders at the Jamboree, it is planned.

Wilkie Press wins award

VANCOUVER. — The Wilkie, Sask. Press has won the Canadian Weekly Editor trophy for excellence in editorial writing, it is announced.

In competition with English-language weeklies across the country, the 1,102-circulation Saskatchewan newspaper editorialized on the relative merits of life in a country town and a big city.

Adjudged second- and third-place winners were the Gravenhurst, Ont., Banner and the Napanee, Ont., Post-Express.

The annual competition is conducted by The Canadian Weekly Editor, national trade journal for the weekly press published here.

The Scots taking over

More than 500,000 people born in Scotland are now living in the Commonwealth and in the United States. In Canada alone there are now more than 1½ million persons of Scottish origin. These figures are contained in a special supplement to the annual report just published for 1953 by the Registrar General for Scotland. According to the Canadian census of 1951, there were 225,000 people born in Scotland living in Canada and 1,547,000 of Scottish origin.

Full tax reduction applicable

Canadians will pay 5¼ percent less on last year's earnings when they fill out the new income tax forms for 1954, despite the fact there was no reduction in personal income taxes in the last budget.

The situation arises as a result of the 11-percent tax cut in the 1953 budget brought down by Hon. Douglas Abbott, former finance minister. That cut applied for only half of 1953 and provided taxpayers with a reduction of only 5¼ percent for the last six months of the year. The full 11 percent tax cut will apply on 1954 incomes.

The new tax forms were being distributed across Canada. They will be available at post offices, income tax offices and most banks throughout the country. Dead line for filing is April 30.

Application of the full 11-percent tax cut is the only change in the new tax forms compared with the previous forms.

While the rate is lower this year than last due to the full operation of the 1953 budget the revenue department stated that taxes paid by most Canadians on their 1954 incomes will be higher. This is based on the assumption that wages and salaries are at a slightly higher level.

:: GEMS OF THOUGHT ::

RESOLUTIONS

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose. — Benjamin Disraeli.

You may be whatever you resolve to be.—Joel Hawes

Do not, for one repulse, forego the purpose that you resolved to effect.—William Shakespeare.

If we are but fixed and resolute —bent on high and holy ends, we shall find means to them on every side and at every moment. —Tryon Edwards

It is the old lesson—a worthy purpose, patient energy for its accomplishment, a resoluteness undaunted by difficulties, and then success.—W. M. Punshon.

Hummingbirds do not exist wholly on the nectar of blossoms, but eat many small insects.

Even if all people were born equal, they wouldn't remain that way long. 3126

BE YOUR AGE

Most people after middle years love to be told they are young for their age but it is wise to let that apply mainly to the appearance. The man or woman over fifty who runs for a streetcar, lifts heavy weights or goes in for strenuous exercise, is asking for trouble. There are plenty of enjoyable forms of exercise for those who have passed their first youth but it is as well to let your doctor decide which kind is most suitable for your age, weight and physical condition.

POLITE SIGN

MOOSE JAW, Sask. — A new traffic sign—Yield the Right-of-way—now may be used in Saskatchewan communities, J. A. Christie, chairman of the highway traffic board, reports. Where the sign is used, traffic is only required to stop when there is other traffic approaching the intersection.

Digging graves used to be part of the duties of school teachers in New England in 1661.



"FREE" LOADER—Tiny refugee rides to freedom in a basket as a relative fleeing Communist-controlled north Indo-China is helped aboard a French evacuation craft off Phat Diem. Baby is comfortable in the basket, and there's less chance of losing him as thousands surge southward seeking sanctuary.

Another Bull Dog exercise for army, air force personnel

OTTAWA. — Members of the Army and RCAF mobile striking force will move into the Canadian sub-Arctic in February for the second major joint training exercise of the winter, defence minister Ralph Campney announced.

Exercise "Bull Dog III" will be conducted in the Yellowknife area of northwestern Canada between February 23 and March 8. The manoeuvres call for an airborne assault by troops and planes against the airfield and installations at Yellowknife, 610 air miles north of Edmonton.

"Bull Dog III" has been planned on the theory that an enemy force has landed in the sub-Arctic and has taken over the airfield at Yellowknife. A similar problem was set in the Churchill, Man., area in the recent Exercise "Bull Dog II".

The assault force, charged with the task of launching an airborne assault to dislodge the "enemy", will be provided by the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Airborne support elements such as artillery, signals, engineer, medical and army service corps units, and members of the Militia and Rangers in the Yellowknife area also will participate in the exercise.

The airborne assault will be supported by RCAF units which will provide tactical, transport, reconnaissance, administrative and medical evacuation aircraft under the operational control of 1 Tactical Air Command, RCAF. Troops involved will be parachuted into the target area from RCAF C-119 aircraft. They will also be supported by Edmonton-based Mitchell Bombers from 1 Tactical Air Command which will carry out air strikes in the battle zone. The reconnaissance element will be provided by 408 (P) Squadron, RCAF based at Rockcliffe.

The part of the enemy will be played by one company of the 1st Battalion, Le Royal 22e Regiment.

"Bull Dog III" has been designed to exercise the PPCLI in the conduct of Mobile Striking Force operations on the battalion group scale and to exercise the RCAF in Mobile Striking Force tactical and transport air support.

Edmonton will be the base where troops taking part in the manoeuvres will emplane for the aerial assault.

Major-General Chris Vokes, General Officer Commanding, Western Command, will be exercise director and Air Commodore Sheldon W. Coleman, Air Officer Commanding, 1 Tactical Air Command, RCAF, his deputy.

Lt.-Col. J. R. Cameron, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, PPCLI, will command the assault force. During "Bull Dog II" he acted as chief umpire.

TRY AND STOP ME!
By BENNETT CERF

When Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands was President Eisenhower's guest at a White House luncheon he came away quoting one of the president's favorite quips. It concerned the prominent businessman who was urged to run for the senate.

"Good heavens, no!" expostulated the businessman. "The truth alone would beat me—not to mention what the opposition would dig up!"

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"I've finally convinced my wife," boasted Jones, "that she hasn't the faintest idea of how to pick out Christmas cigars."

"For Pete's sake!" gasped his awed companion. "How did you manage that?"

"It was easy," boasted Jones, "I smoked a couple of them in her dressing room."

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Little Amy had always heard that her father practised law. One day she asked her mother, "When do you think papa's going to stop practising and really be a lawyer?"

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William Lyon Phelps was the kind of professor all Yale undergraduates loved. He told funny anecdotes, he gave high marks—and his examinations usually were comparative snaps. Imagine the consternation of one of his classes, therefore, when the good Dr. Phelps, in a contrary mood, suddenly sprang a tough quiz on the boys—and just before the Yuletide holidays, too!

One hapless student gazed helplessly at the questions, then wrote: "God knows the answers, Dr. Phelps. All I can say to you is Merry Christmas." He got his paper back with this note scrawled across the top by Billy Phelps: "God gets an A. You get an F. Happy New Year!"

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Effective warning poem broadcast by a Los Angeles station just before a big holiday weekend: "At 60 per, he took the curve. A car swung out, he couldn't swerve. The other guy was wrong, they say. But the funeral starts at 2 today."

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Danny Thomas is getting wary of the precocious youngsters in Hollywood. He says he suggested to one five-year-old, "Let's play horsey," and the kid said, "Oke. Put two bucks on Count Flash for me in the seventh race."

IT TAKES SO LITTLE

It takes so little to make us glad,
Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand;
Just a word from one who can understand;
And we finish the task we long had planned
And we lose the doubt and fear we had—
So little it takes to make us glad.

Canadian statistics report
(A Weekly Review)

Prices: Seven of the 10 regional city consumer price indexes registered decreases of 0.1 percent to 0.8 percent between November 1 and December 1; in 2 cities indexes made no change and in 1 there was an advance of 0.1 percent. The index of farm prices of agricultural products was virtually unchanged from the October level in November, lower prices for grains, poultry and eggs being offset by higher quotations for livestock, dairy products and potatoes.

Manufacturing: Canada's automotive industry produced 28 percent fewer motor vehicles last year than in 1953. Production of passenger cars was cut to 281,849 from 364,039 and commercial vehicles to 68,219 from 120,555. Last year's outputs of pig iron and steel ignots fell well below the 1953 peaks, reached the lowest levels since 1949.

Travel: The volume of highway traffic into Canada from the United States was down less than 1 percent from a year earlier in November, a 2 percent increase in returning Canadian vehicles almost offsetting a 3 percent decrease in foreign vehicles.

Merchandising: Sales of grocery and combination chain stores rose 13 percent in November over a year earlier, department stores 5.7 percent, variety chain stores 4.2 percent, women's clothing stores 3 percent, and shoe chain stores 0.3 percent. Sales of hardware and drug chain stores were down 2.8 percent. Canadian retailers sold 4.3 percent more on the instalment plan in the third quarter of last year than in the same period of 1953. Cash sales were down 1.6 percent and charge sales 4.5 percent.

Banking: The value of cheques cashed in clearing centres across Canada rose nearly 5 percent in November and 7 percent in the first 11 months of 1954 over the corresponding periods of 1953.

Labor: Canadian workers earned 2.4 percent more in October and 1.9 percent in the first 10 months of 1954 than in the corresponding period of 1953 despite decreases in labor income in manufacturing and construction in both periods.

Food: Stocks of creamery butter and cheddar cheese in 9 regional cities were larger at the start of this year than in January 1, 1954. November-end stocks of canned meats were down sharply from a year earlier mainly due to a sharp reduction in holdings of spiced pork and ham. Canada's sea-fishermen landed 13 percent less fish in November than in the same month of 1953, but value was down only 1 percent. November production of wheat flour was slightly larger than a year earlier, but the August-November total was up 9 percent.

Soldiers with long service want to stay in the army

OTTAWA.—The big majority of soldiers with long service want to stay in the army, reports a Canadian Press story. But the majority of men with only three years' service prefer to return to civvy street.

These trends in service life are shown by re-engagement percentages—the percentage of men who sign on for second or subsequent hitches—made available by the army for the first time in years.

The Canadian Army active force was organized in October, 1946, and all soldiers had the choice of signing on or leaving the service.

By October, 1954, thousands of men who had remained in the army came up for re-engagement after serving a three-year hitch and a subsequent five-year term.

It was the largest number of soldiers ever to come up for re-engagement in a single month; in wartime, a soldier has no choice but to stay in for the duration. Of this number, 87 percent had already served eight years, or two terms, the remaining 13 percent only three years.

Elect to stay

Of the 87 percent 92 out of every 100 soldiers elected to stay in the army for at least another hitch. Of the 13 percent, 38 out of every 100 soldiers decided to stay in and 62 to return to civilian life.

Actual figures of the number of men staying in or leaving the army are secret.

The re-engagement percentages point up what officials have said has long been an army problem: How to keep in uniform the man who has served only one term so that the money and time training him is not lost.

In November, the last month for which figures are available, the army took in 750 recruits but its over-all strength declined through retirements and because men up for re-engagement in that month preferred to return to civilian life.

Net loss

Army strength at October 31 was 49,694 but at November 30 it stood at 49,575, a net loss of 119 men.

Meanwhile, the navy and air force had more success. The strength of both services has grown steadily while that of the army has dropped since April, when it had more than 50,000 on the roll-call.

The RCAF, with 48,475 in its ranks, now is just 1,100 short of the army figure. The navy has 18,648. In November, the air force recruited 864 persons and the navy 441.

As a whole, the armed forces have expanded by 9,000 in the last year—to 116,698 from 107,695 at the end of November, 1953.

Heating dollars go up in smoke

Surprisingly enough, a lot of your heating dollar goes up the chimney. Heat is lost from many sources—through walls, windows, doors, floors and basement walls as well as ventilating air. In the average two-storey house, hand fired, with an inside chimney only 59 percent of the heat in the coal reaches the living space. Lost is 41 percent, of which 35 percent is lost from the chimney alone.

Check your chimney and you'll check heat losses, is the word from the Home Designing office of the Alberta department of Agriculture.

Leakage of air into the chimney reduces the draft, not only by over loading it with cold air but also by cooling the gases. All connections should be tight, openings not in use and cleanouts should be closed.

Your chimney requires height to develop draft. It must extend at least 2' above the peak of the roof, 2' 6" if not located at the peak or 3' above a flat roof, to avoid the effect of the wind on the draft. A chimney must work whether the wind is blowing or or not.

Remove any obstructions to the flow of the draft, such as broken tile and an accumulation of soot and mortar.

Bends in the flue and in the smoke pipe leading to the chimney, and long horizontal runs of smoke pipe should be avoided where possible.

Strictly Fresh

Short course in how to become a cynic was taken by a London, England, cabbie who refused a tip from a dear, sweet old lady; later discovered she'd tipped herself to his wallet.

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New York hotel, during the holidays, offered its guests carols by singing bellboys at their request. Only request of less festive folk was for "Silent Night."

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Man in Russell, Kan., received a pin for 17 years of perfect attendance at a weekly service club



meeting, where he's listened to a speech each week. He also rates a medal for fortitude.

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Major Casket Company of Memphis, Tenn., recently held open house. Did the orchestra play music in a minor key?

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Hearse driver in Providence, R.I., said he was speeding to pick up a body. Unimpressed judge buried $5 of driver's money in the fine box.

Opening Manitoba Legislature set for February 1

Premier Douglas Campbell has announced that Tuesday, February 1, will be opening day for the second session of Manitoba's 24th legislature.

Highlights of the ceremony which traditionally marks the opening of the legislature will this year be seen by many more than the number of visitors who can find a place in the crowded galleries.

Television cameras will be on hand to record proceedings for local TV viewers. News casts of the event should be ready for showing on the regular newscast at 7.15 p.m., either on Tuesday or the following evening.

Greater emphasis on tillage

While the last 40 years have been taken up with adapting tillage practices to the tractor, the next decade will see greater emphasis on the adaption of tillage to specific crops and soil conditions.

This forecast comes from C. S. Slater of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who says that present day tillage-plowing, harrowing, packing and cultivating, has been applied too extensively and too intensively. From the standpoint of soil structure maintenance, tillage is apt to be more harmful than beneficial in that it set up erosion hazards and exposes the soil to deterioration by freezing and other climatic factors.

Mr. Slater foresaw an overall decrease in total tillage to protect the soil. Minimum tillage requirements will be established for different crops. Weed control with chemicals will be more widespread to reduce total tillage.

Greater use of chemical nitrogen will help reduce the need for tillage merely to increase soil nutrification. Increased use of mixed fertilizers for higher crop yields will call for better utilization of rainfall in non-irrigated regions. Tillage will have to go deeper on shallow soils to enlarge the root zone and provide increased water storage capacity. Problems of compaction caused by heavy machinery will also call for development of deeper tillage practices.

To meet the food and fibre needs of an increasing population, more intensive use of land is impending. The future will see more short rotations with summer cash crops. Developments will take place in tillage practices and equipment to solve the problems of growing two or more crops in one year, maintaining the soil at the same time.

Canadians giving support—shoes for Korean children campaign

The international appeal for funds to buy Korean children shoes, launched in early winter by the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, has met with considerable success in Canada, it is reported by plan headquarters in Montreal. The drive will continue both here and in the U.S. for an indefinite period to ensure that the abandoned waifs of the Korean war are equipped with the native-made rubber shoes that cost only 50 cents a pair.

The 50 cents campaign is showing a double result, it was said. Korea's unshod youngsters are getting shoes, and the fact that the shoes are manufactured in South Korea is helping to re-establish the shattered economy of the war-torn and divided country.

Unlike any other footgear, the shoes are made of rubber, gaily coloured and painted with designs. They are designed to be slipped on and off easily—the custom of the country demands that shoes not be worn inside. Shoes for girls have a swept up pointed toe, the only difference between boys' and girls' styles.

Explaining why western-type shoes are unusable in Korea, the spokesman for the Foster Parents' Plan said that the wet climate in Korea makes leather shoes impractical. The people are unused to western styles and a Korean type shoe in leather would be many times more costly. The rubber slip-on shoe fits into the daily dress and custom.

The average Korean child needs four pairs of these shoes a year, making the annual shoe bill $2.00 in Canadian currency. Contributions to the fund, and further information about the shoe drive and the operation of the Foster Parents' Plan can be obtained from Gloria Matthews, Canadian Director, Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Box 65, Station B, Montreal.

The principal mountain system in Scotland is the Grampians. The average elevation of the main range is about 2,500 feet.

The Egyptians used to paint posters as far back as 3,000 years B.C.

Round Steak Served This Way Makes Tasty Square Meal

BY DOROTHY MADDOX

FROM Milwaukee, Wis., comes this tasty and hearty recipe for preparing round steak in combination with dill pickles and vegetables.

There's a full-flavored goodness to round steak which is enhanced by long, slow cooking; prepared this way, you have a "company" dish to add to your menu selections that will be a most-any-day treat for all the family.

In purchasing round steak, allow approximately ½ pound per person. After purchasing, store in refrigerator, wrapped loosely in waxed paper. Plan to use the round steak within three to five days.

Round Steak, Dills and Vegetables (6-8 Servings)

Two pounds of round steak, cut ½-inch thick; flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 8 carrot strips, 8 celery strips, 4 dill pickles, cut in half lengthwise; 3 tablespoons fat, 1 cup beef bouillon, ¼ teaspoon pepper, ¼ teaspoon onion salt.

Cut round steak in 8 pieces about 3 x 4 inches. Pound in flour with edge of heavy saucer. Sprinkle on salt. Lay 1 strip each of carrot, celery and dill pickle on each piece. Fold meat in half. Fasten with a pick. Brown meat in hot fat in heavy skillet. Add remaining ingredients. Cover. Simmer 1¼ hours, or until tender. Thicken gravy, if you care to.



Hearty meal with party flavor is on your table when you serve round steak prepared with dill pickles and vegetables.

World Happenings In Pictures



JACKIE MACDONALD, 22-year-old school teacher and noted athlete, lifts weights in a Toronto gymnasium to get in top condition for the 1956 Olympic Games shot put event.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES A. NOBLE of Detroit are overjoyed as they receive word that their son, John, was released in East Berlin after nine-and-a-half years of imprisonment by the Russians.



THIS NEW STAMP has been issued to mark the maiden voyage under the German flag of the passenger-cargo vessel, M.S. Berlin formerly the Gripsholm. The ship will operate between Bremerhaven and New York. The stamp is worth 10 pfennigs (about 2½ cents).



PROVINCIAL PRIDE OF A FRIGID FROGMAN—John Sweeney begins his descent into the 38-degree water near Halifax holding aloft the flag of Nova Scotia he later planted on the ocean floor 60 feet below the surface. He planted the flag because that was where 'a great deal of our wealth will come from'.



MRS. MOLLIE BRAGNO, 28, of Chicago, who has become sole heir of $15½ million fortune following the deaths of her grandmother and an uncle in less than a month. The fortune was amassed through operation of the Old Boston Store in Chicago.



"FROST JET" TESTS GUIDED MISSILES—This guided missile on its launching ramp at the U.S. proving grounds at White Sands, N.M., is similar to those the Canadian army is experimenting with at Fort Churchill in Operation Frost Jet.



BOX SUIT for spring designed in Toronto features a soft roll collar. In a nubby wool tweed it has a double belt effect at the side of the jacket which is formed by the extension of the half belt in the back. The lower tab is part of the side pockets of the jacket front.



HARD OF 'EARING—Carl Nelson demonstrates the durable qualities of new plastic anatomical models before the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Berkeley, Calif. Infinitely more rugged than their organic counterparts, the models are for use by medical students.



INFRAFROST — The "frost" Florida visitors never see is captured by the camera with use of an infrared filter and film at Miami Beach, Fla. White effect is given by wavelengths of light below the visible spectrum, which humans sense as heat waves.



COAT STYLES BLOOM IN FASHION'S SPRINGTIME GARDEN

Scooter coat, above, in finger tip length, and weatherproof. Of bright yellow poplin, it has deep shawl collar, pearl buttons. Tweed pattern, fashion's favorite standby, below, appears this year in a black-and-white, wool-and-nylon fabric. Style lends itself to adaption as a coat-dress by the home sewer.





DISTRESSING DISTRACTIONS—Tita Purdom, wife of actor Edward Purdom, lounges at home, blaming the 'ermine and mink' of Hollywood for the divorce suit her husband has filed against her. She plans to resume her dancing career.



HUSKY YOUNG RECRUITS—Cpl. R. A. Mattern, of Komoka, Alta., holds two canine recruits for the RCAF station at Resolute Bay. The pups will be trained as sled dogs to aid in the mid-winter movement of supplies.



SAME OLD CORN IS NO JOKE—W. R. Olney, 80, of Rochester, N.Y., canned the corn he's being fed by Granddaughter Susan Olney, 13, while working as a cannery hand in Rome, N.Y., 63 years ago. Still perfectly preserved, the vegetable was sealed in a hole-and-cap container, forerunner of the modern metal can.



DING DONG MUSIC—Musician Johannes Liese of West Berlin, demonstrated an old Chinese bell from his collection. His hobby has inspired him to compose music for a new opera 'Barbara A Bell'.



ALL STEAMED UP OVER HOT WAR—"Sarge," at left, blows the whistle as U.S. industry readies endless battalions of troops in its fight to push back the frigid regiments of old man winter. "Sarge" is the top half of a turbine's high-pressure shell which is being machined at General Electric's steam turbine-generator factory at Schenectady, N.Y. The "troops" are smoke vents for furnace firepots, rolling off assembly line at Lennox Furnace Company in Marshalltown, Iowa.

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The Sports Clinic

(An official department of Sports College)
Conducted by Lloyd "Ace" Percival

Hitting hockey headlines

Today we are going to continue with some further techniques which, if properly checked and carried out, will help you make hockey headlines.

If a puck-carrier comes into your territory when you are already watching a man, only try to check him if you are the last man between him and your goal. Otherwise, your duty is to see that your man does not get free. If you go for the checker, he may pass to the man you were checking who will then be free because you left him. Thus, he can break past you leaving you completely out of the play.

When the puck-carrier is using a lot of placement tricks, such as playing the boards or placing the puck between your legs, always play The Man. Try to keep your body in front of him or skate with him and try to check him as you go. If you keep going for the puck he will beat you most of the time.

Learn to fake with your defensive moves just as you learn to fake when you are carrying the puck so that you can force the puck-carrier or the man covering you into making his move first.

When you have the puck inside your own blue line zone try to keep cool because hectic, excited clearing is a cause of many goals that should not be scored by your opponents. Calm, cool clearing is one of the reasons why Red Kelley of Detroit is on the All Star team every year.

Always remember this: NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON THE PUCK!

As long as your eyes are on the puck it is possible for you to react properly to cover some dangerous situation but when you turn away from the puck things can happen behind your back that may well mean a lost opportunity to score or an opportunity set up for your opponents.

Baseball tips

To become a really good basketball player you must learn when to dribble the ball. If you pay special attention to this part of your game you will gain many advantages that will help you play better basketball and thus help your team. Keep the following rules in mind:

1. Never dribble if you can make a good pass to a teammate.
2. Never dribble with your head down—keep it up and always be looking for a chance to pass the ball.
3. Never hog the ball by unnecessary dribbling—this will spoil your team play and make you unpopular.

Finally, never try to dribble the ball through 2 or 3 opponents — you will likely lose possession.

Always keep these points in mind and your play will improve.

Black Hawks shut out five times

Montreal Canadiens and Boston Bruins have been shut out less times this season than any of the other NHL clubs. Each team has been kept off the score sheet on two occasions (in games up to the morning of January 8.) New York Rangers and Toronto Maple Leafs have been blanked three times each. Detroit Red Wings have been kept scoreless four times while the Chicago Black Hawks have been shut out on five different evenings so far this season.

Boston Bruins have been the spoilers for the Canadiens. The Bruins administered the "goose-egg" to the Canucks both times they were shut out. Toronto Maple Leafs hold a similar edge over Detroit. Three of the four times the Wings have been kept scoreless this season were in games against the Leafs. The other time it was at the hands of the Canadiens.

Detroit holds the distinction of shutting out more clubs than any team. The Red Wings have blanked the opposition on six different occasions. They shut out the Rangers and Chicago twice and Toronto and Boston once.

Three clubs, Montreal, Boston and Toronto, have shut out the opposition four times each. The Rangers have one shutout to their credit and the Chicago Black Hawks are still seeking their first one.

MORE PENALTIES THIS SEASON

National Hockey League referees handed out approximately 100 minutes more in penalties this season for the first half of the schedule than for the same period a year ago.

MORE PLAYERS WITH 20 GOALS

Four players in the National Hockey League had scored 20 goals in games played up to the morning of January 8. Last year on the same day only two players had scored 20 or more goals. Bernie Geoffrion, Maurice Richard, Danny Lewicki and Jean Beliveau are the players with 20 or more this season. Richard and Geoffrion were the only two to score 20 or better this time a year ago.

Enough Montreal players around make good team

Montreal could ice a pretty fair sort of a hockey club from players currently campaigning in the National Hockey League who were born and brought up in the greater Montreal area. The team is a little shy on forwards but has a goalkeeper and a full complement of defencemen.

Here is how the team would line up: Goal, Lorne Worsley (Rangers); Defence, Doug Harvey (Canadiens), Butch Bouchard (Canadiens), Dollard St. Laurent (Canadiens), Jim Morrison (Toronto) and Bucky Hollingworth (Chicago); Forwards, Maurice Richard (Canadiens), Bernie Geoffrion (Canadiens), Ken Mosdell (Canadiens), Fleming Mackell (Boston), Marcel Bonin (Detroit) and Dickie Moore (Canadiens).

The coach could be Frankie Eddolls (Chicago) and the trainer could be either Frankie Paice (Rangers) or Hector Dubois (Canadiens).

There wouldn't be any difficulty choosing a referee, either. You could pick either Red Storey or Scotty Morrison. Doug Davies and Bill Roberts could serve as linesmen.

PLANE FOR PUSSY

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. — "Teddy," a pet cat that was accidently shot, was flown by chartered plane from Cortez Island to a veterinary here. Teddy is recovering.

DECODED INTELLIGRAM

1 — Panama. 2 — Guizado. 3 — Up. 4—Alice. 5—Hour. 6—South Africa. 7—September. 8—Were. 9—Some. 10—8.

On The Side: - By - E. V. Durling

The Swiss telephone service offers to its subscribers a telephone with an attachment that will record all conversations made on that telephone. How about the telephone calls you have made recently? Would you be embarrassed if you heard any of them played on a record in public? Or even before a group of your friends? Hope there have been none of your phone calls you wouldn't want your wife to hear on a recording.

Cats, roses, fish

Kilkenny is usually connected with cats. However, in that part of Ireland are grown some of the world's most beautiful roses. Tom Moore wrote "The Last Rose of Summer" in a garden in Kilkenny . . . The mackerel is the most nutritious of all fish. After that the herring. So says a diet expert.

Right way to boil an egg

Does your wife know how to boil an egg? Many women, who think they are accomplished cooks, boil eggs the wrong way. The proper way to boil an egg is first to heat the water to the boiling point and then put the egg in it. By any other method the egg is not properly boiled.

For 2955 Maybe

Too many promised inventions are too long delayed in coming from around the corner. Over six years ago a flying automobile was reported invented and ready for the market. That is a motorcar that could be used on both highways and in the air. Then about five years ago it was said a typewriter capable of taking dictation had been invented. A machine, making a stenographer unnecessary. Was said all the owner had to do was to talk to the typewriter which would transcribe the dictation to type immediately.

They train on meat

Note the name of the wrestler George Hackenschmidt included in a list of "celebrated vegetarians". Very late in life Hackenschmidt followed a vegetarian diet. However, during the days of his glory as a wrestler he was an enthusiastic consumer of steak. There never has been a champion wrestler or a champion boxer who was a vegetarian during his ring career.

Encouragement for parents

A bonus for babies. That's why the French birth rate is breaking all records. For each child the parents get a bonus. Also free delivery at the hospital. The father gets a three-day vacation with pay. In addition to the government bonus, he gets his salary increased by his employer. Some Frenchmen with large families get more money for their achievements as prolific papas than they do in salaries from their regular jobs. After a couple has had three children they get special cut rates on railways, buses and subways. Expectant mothers enjoy special privileges such as reserved seat sections on buses, special positions on waiting lines, etc.

Made to last longer

Ever ride in an automobile made in Denmark- I have never even seen a Danish auto. However, the oldest automobile in the world still in good running order and used daily is a Hammel car made in Denmark 69 years ago, in 1886! 3126



MAID OF COTTON for 1955 is attractive De Lois Faulkner of Sallisaw, Okla. This 20-year-old beauty won the contest in Memphis, Tenn.

Saskatchewan co-operatives' turnover tops $443 million

REGINA.—Co-operative organizations doing business in Saskatchewan in the 1953-54 fiscal year had a net turnover of business and services in excess of $433,000,000. In addition to this, interprovincial co-operatives operating within the province rendered services to the extent of $35,000,000, making a total for all co-operative enterprises of nearly half a billion dollars, according to a report released by Dr. B. N. Arnason, deputy minister, department of co-operation and co-operative development.

Co-operative business for the year under review, consisting of commodities bought and sold, loans made and services rendered, showed a drop in turnover of $57,000,000, accounted for by the lower volume of business handled by the grain and seed marketing, livestock, flour and credit associations.

The 1,108 co-operative associations with 2,339 places of business report an increase in membership of 70,000. The membership in all co-operatives doing business in the province is now approaching the 600,000 mark, although many of these members may belong to two or more associations.

The report further shows that during the year the fixed assets of Saskatchewan co-operatives increased by $6,000,000; total assets show an increase of nearly $27,000,000, while liabilities to the public and to members increased by $5,000,000 and $7,000,000, respectively. An increase of $3,700,000 brought up the paid up capital of co-operative associations to nearly $31,000,000, while reserves and undivided surplus rose from $22,700,000 to $29,200,000.

The volume of business done by the one wholesale co-operative, with eight places of business in the province, doing a total turnover of nearly $29,000,000, showed an increase of $5,000,000 over the previous year. Two livestock assembly and shipping associations showed an increase of $450,000, while one assembly and marketing co-operative recorded a volume drop of $1,700,000. The 426 co-operative retail outlets which reported showed a business increase of $7,000,000, with a total turnover of $53,500,000.

Two co-operative hail insurance associations, involving nearly 30,000 individuals, conducted more than $98,000,000 worth of business in policies issued and premiums paid. This was an increase of $17,000,000 over last year.

Credit unions continued their steady growth, numbering 263 at the end of the fiscal year and having over 68,000 members. These credit unions and other credit associations provided loans amounting to $20,500,000 and $3,700,000 respectively.

The turnover volume of co-operative production associations, including 25 co-op farms, seven machinery co-ops, six fur associations and 11 miscellaneous co-ops, showed a decrease of $87,000. The total assets of 52 co-operatives showed an increase of $53,000.

The great bulk of the Mexican population is basically Indian with a slight mixture of European blood.

WEEKLY BIBLE COMMENT

COMMON SENSE IS FACTOR IN CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Christian way of life and conduct, if one accepts and proposes to follow it, ought to be simply and easily defined. Is it not to love God with all the heart, strength and soul and mind, and to love one's neighbor as one's self?

Yet it is obvious in the pages of the New Testament and in the religious life of all times, including our own, that religious people have been deeply concerned about the problems of daily conduct. They have differed widely about questions of right and wrong and have often been harsh in their demands and judgments upon those whose ideas have not coincided with their own.

There are reasonable standards of moral judgement that would mark the proper conduct of a Christian while avoiding great extremes of undue Puritanism and undue license. They can be found in studying the words and the example of Jesus in relation to matters of conduct.

So often, we are too inclined to relate the teachings of Jesus to the supreme matter of faith and love without paying sufficient attention to specific instances.

A striking instance concerns the Sabbath. It was made for man, Jesus said, and not man for the Sabbath. Throughout Christian history, punctilious observers carried to extremes observance of the letter of the Sabbath.

There are enough real sins and wrongs to fight without creating artificial sins out of matters that are neither against God nor against one's fellow men.

Goodness needs always the strong ally of common sense.

ANSWERS TO QUICK QUIZ

5. Nearly one third. 3. Nearly one third. 1. 1610. 4. Manufacturing. 2. Alberta has the largest potential farming area, of which about one half is at present occupied.

(Material prepared by the editors of Quick Canadian Facts, the pocket annual of facts about Canada.)

Little change expected, egg poultry market

Little change is expected in the egg poultry market in 1955 compared with 1954. The egg market will not be stronger in 1955 than in 1954 until at least June, and then may strengthen only if the 1955 hatch is smaller than in 1954.

The combined effects of a record poultry crop, low prices and aggressive mechandising in the United States had a depressing influence on the Canadian poultry meat market in 1954. This situation is not expected to change greatly in 1955 with the result that the Canadian poultry outlook in 1955 is closely linked to that in the United States, where conditions in 1955 are not expected to differ much from those in 1954.

Prices for the 1955 turkey crop will be better than in 1954 if producers in Canada and the United States cut back production from 1954 levels.

Prices of fowl in 1955, as in 1954, will continue to be greatly influenced by the American fowl market. The outlook for commercial broilers and farm chicken is more dependent on conditions prevailing in Canada than the fowl and turkey outlook and conditions will not likely differ greatly from 1954.

Kitchen Meditations
By JANE DALE

BLUE DAWN

In the first hint of dawn before the eastern sky is rosy red a blueness overshadows all, and the trees and buildings stand out in black silhouette. The new fallen snow—pure white in the sun's full glare is ice blue; blue as the cloud wraithed sky. Even the frost on the fence wires and tall dry weeds glint and glitter with blue flame. There are no purple shadows anywhere, nor one ray of light to brighten the icy places. It is a blue dawn before the sun changes everything.

Population up 405,000 in 1954

OTTAWA. — The population of Canada stood at 15,410,000 last Dec. 1, the Bureau of Statistics estimated recently.

The total represented a growth of 405,000 during the year that ended on that date. This was an increase of 2.7 percent and followed closely the growth rate pattern of recent years in spite of fewer immigrant arrivals.

The population increased 2.8 percent in 1952 and 2.6 percent in 1953.

Slightly higher grasshopper infestation predicted 1955

Grasshoppers will hit at a slightly wider area this year than they did in 1954, a Saskatoon entomologist, L. G. Putnam, has forecast on the basis of 'hopper eggs found last fall.

Almost the entire area where the insects are expected at all next year is scheduled for "light" infestations. Only three tiny areas, centered in the Red River Valley of Manitoba, Cypress Lake in Saskatchewan and north of Chin in Alberta are in the "moderate" infestation sections.

Mr. Putnam, who heads up federal investigations on grasshoppers in Saskatchewan, emphasized the part weather plays in the insect plague. The grasshopper likes an early, warm spring with enough drought that the crop is slowed so he gets a head start on it. Therefore, early seeding should help beat the insect.

Last summer adult grasshopper populations indicated a much heavier 1955 infestation than later egg laying showed—probably the only good thing that can be credited to the weather last fall.

Damage

Under the most favorable conditions (from the grasshopper's viewpoint) a light infestation would take out 15 percent of your crop, Mr. Putnam said. Moderate infestations under the same conditions could do up to 50 percent damage.

A favorable factor in 1955 is that most 'hopper eggs found are of the large, sluggish, "two-striped" type rather than of the more active species, Mr. Putnam said.

These hatch in the roadsides where there is considerable vegetation and damage they do to field crops likely will be around the margins. However, around Robsart, Sask., and Emerson, Man., there is a "fair number" of eggs from the "clear-winged" species which although it also hatches in the roadsides nevertheless is much more active than the "two-striped" type, Mr. Putnam said.

Manitoba's only forecast 1955 infestations are centred around Carman and Arnaud. For a few miles around Carman a light infestation could occur. From Arnaud north a few miles, there also could be light infestation while south from there to Emerson the forecast is for "moderate" numbers.

Quick Canadin Quiz

1. In what year did Henry Hudson discover Hudson Bay?
2. What province has the greatest area classified as suitable for farming?
3. Of the total annual income of Canadians do taxes take one-tenth, one-quarter, one third?
4. In net value of production what is Nova Scotia's leading industry?
5. What proportion of the Canadian population is under 15 years of age?

(Answers in another column)

Weekly Tip

GLASSES AND FASHION

If you wear glasses, and lots do, be sure to keep them on when you have your hair styled or buy a new hat. This will keep them looking like a fashion accessory and not something stuck on as an afterthought.

The only time the American government was free of a national debt was in 1834-1835.

Tickers —By George



"He can't stand any noise so he uses a water pistol!"

:: Weekly Crossword Puzzle ::

Stringed Instrument

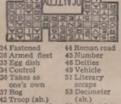
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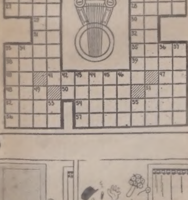
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9 It has a — sounding box
13 Set-backs
14 Opera by Verdi
15 Poem
16 Come in
18 Split pulse
19 Parent
20 Guided
22 Depart
23 Volcano in Sicily
25 Precipitation
27 Raise
28 Love god
29 Psyche part
30 Part of "be"
31 Chinese measure
32 Mother
33 Portent
35 Kind of cheese
38 Created
39 Town in Norway
40 Half an em
41 It has many
47 Either
48 Varnish ingredient
50 Proportion
51 River in Brazil
52 Minced oath
54 Hanging ornaments
56 Duration of office
57 Encroach

VERTICAL

1 Correct
2 Staid
3 Hail!
4 French article
5 Allowance for waste
6 Domestic slave
7 Network
8 Belgian river
9 Note of scale
10 Cover
11 Slowly (music)
12 Claws
17 Concerning
20 Pilchards
21 Visionaries
24 Fastened
26 Armed fleet
33 Egg dish
34 Control
36 Takes as one's own
37 Bog
42 Troop (ab.)
43 Transported
44 Roman road
45 Number
46 Deities
49 Vehicle
51 Literary scraps
53 Decimeter (ab.)
55 Apud (ab.)

Here's the Answer





Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

Check the correct word:

1. The president of (Panama) (Paraguay), Jose Remon, was recently assassinated.
2. (Arnulfo Arias) (Jose Ramon Guizado) succeeds him.
3. Wine consumption is (up) (down) in France since the "drink milk" campaign of Premier Mendes-France.
4. First hurricane of 1955 was named (Anna) (Alice).
5. During 1954, military aircraft were dispatched on overocean flights an average of once each (hour) (day).
6. (South Africa) (Australia) is suffering a major polio outbreak.
7. The Army plans to end military post school segregation by (June) (September).
8. New Year's weekend highway fatalities (were) (were not) the worst in history.
9. (Some) (no) states had a no-fatality record.
10. President Eisenhower plans (7) (8) messages to the new Congress.

Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior, and 90-100, very superior.

Answers to be found in another column on this page.

BOZO By FOXO REARDON



VIRGIL By Len Kleis



Experts believe Thatcher wheat still reliable seed

SASKATOON.—Saskatchewan grain experts believe that the mauling Thatcher wheat took from rust in 1954 was mainly the result of an accident of weather and that Thatcher still has a big place in Saskatchewan agriculture.

This was the consensus of a panel of experts who discussed "what grain varieties to grow this year" before the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan branch of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association recently.

New wheat

A grain researcher says that a new commerical wheat to replace the rust-resistant Selkirk may be ready in about five years.

Dr. T. Johnson, head of the federal plant pathology laboratory at Winnipeg, outlined to the annual meeting of the Saskathewan branch of the Canadian Seedgrowers' Association recently counter measures again three new stem rust strains to which Selkirk is susceptible.

The wheat rusts now prevalent were being held at bay by the new variety, Selkirk, but how long it would remain resistant was problematical. The three rust races which could attack Selkirk might take many years to become widely distributed but the plant pathologists could not take that chance and so were preparing now to combat these races with new varieties.

Seedgrowers elect

Gordon South of Whittome is the new president of the Saskatchewan branch of the Canadian Seedgrowers' Association.

Mr. South was elected at the annual meeting to succeed Stan M. Ingham of Balcarres. Rupert Kirkham of Saltcoats was elected vice-president and V. B. Holmes of Regina secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected directors were H. Bracken of Hudson Bay and T.C. Boyes of Kelvington. Newcomers to the board of directors were W. A. V. Allan of Codette and Charles Geall of Nipawin.

Lee wheat urged by growers' head

SASKATOON. — The president of the Saskatchewan branch of the Canadian Seed Grower's Association has suggested rust damage last year might not have been so high had more Lee wheat been planted.

Stan M. Ingham told the branch's annual meeting farmers were slow at adopting new grain varieties. His annual report said Lee wheat although not outstanding, offered the best insurance against leaf rust, the disease estimated to have done 40 percent of total rust damage in 1954.

The week in Britain

Best market

Canada was the best market in November for two categories of British electrical goods: generators and motors; and tubes and radio and television equipment. The total sales in Canada of all British electrical goods amounted to more than $3,275,0000, a figure well above the monthly average.

May re-open

A pioneer narrow gauge railway built in 1836 and closed only eight years ago, may shortly be back in service again. It is the 13 mile Portmadoc to Blaenau Festiniog line in Wales and its resurrection will be due to a band of railway enthusiasts who have formed a company to assist the re-opening of the railway.

Million visitors

Nearly 900,000 tourists from other lands visited the U.K. last year, and Britain's earnings from the tourist trade amounted to approximately $364 million. A goal of one million overseas visitors a year is now within sight of the British holiday industry.

Diet for husky

Scientists and dog food manufacturers in the United Kingdom have been studying the dietary requirements of the Husky. The problem is important because as much as 70 percent of the cargo on a sled is food for the dog team.

New planetarium

A planetarium which will cost approximately $140,000 and will take two years to construct, is to be built on the site next to the famous Madame Tussauds' Exhibition. It will show the movements and positions of the planets, stars and other astronomical phenomena and will demonstrate their progression.

TV debut in U.K.

Miss Joan Gilbert of Calgary, Alberta, a Canadian pianist in Britain, will be making her TV debut there later this month. Miss Gilbert is an accompanist and solo pianist with the Convent Garden Ballet Company, London.

Healthier London

The London death rate for 1954, 10.9 per thousand, was the lowest ever recorded, according to a preliminary report for 1954, just published. This is only one fact among many showing how the capital's striking post-war improvement in health is being maintained. The tuberculosis death rate at 0.18 per thousand was a new low record.

Trophies on show

Among the famous sports trophies which are on exhibition at Lewisham, London, this week, are the running shoes in which Roger Bannister achieved the world's first four minute mile. The Football Association Cup, the Calcutta Cup, the Sportsman of the Year Trophy, a pair of skates worn by Queen Victoria and the "Ashes" are also on display.

The harp is the largest of the class of stringed instruments of which the strings are vibrated by the fingers. 3126

Testing of cattle continues

Nearly two-thirds of Saskatchewan municipalities have had their cattle populations tested for bovine tuberculosis and some of them three or four times since the province was declared a TB free area, according to Dr. E. Carlson, federal district veterinarian.

When a TB reactor is found by the veterinarians the animal is destroyed, the premises cleaned and disinfected and the rest of the herd kept under surveillance to make sure that there are no further outbreaks. Farmers receive compensation for destroyed animals.

Agriculture Minister I. C. Nollet declared the province a tuberculosis-free area in 1951 and asked federal men to carry on with work they were doing in this field.

Dr. Carlson said it would be difficult to say when the testing job will be complete for the province because there are such vast areas to cover and the veterinarians can't work at it full time.

At present there are about 15 federal veterinarians who do TB testing when they are free to do so, and 23 to 24 private practitioners who help on a part-time basis.

"One of the reasons some municipalities have been missed is that we can't ask private practitioners to go much beyond their own areas," he said. "They have their own practices to keep up and they don't want to be caught too far from home in case an emergency should arise."

Another reason why the job is difficult is that the majority of Saskatchewan cattle raisers have only small herds, perhaps only three or four animals. With travel time it takes longer to test a number of small herds than a much larger number of cattle in a large herd.

"We're nibbling away at it and gradually including more and more municipalities," said Dr. Carlson. "We figure a veterinarian should average around 100 cattle a day in his testing but sometimes that is not possible due to distances between herds."

Medical men consider tuberculosis in cows one of the major causes of TB in humans in areas where there is no pasteurization of milk.

Mental Disturbance

Mental authorities today know that there are many varieties and degrees of mental illness. Some of them are so minor that a short period of treatment at a mental health clinic or in a general hospital results in cure. The most important point is early treatment. As soon as symptoms of mental disturbance are noticed, the doctor should be consulted.

Helpful Hints

When the fruit cake is ready for baking, set it in the refrigerator for 24 hours before placing in the oven. The cake will be lighter, and the fruits will give the dough a much better flavor.

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A few lumps of sugar dropped into the rinse water, to take the place of starching, will make dainty lingerie beautiful after it is ironed.

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To get odor off your hands after peeling onions, rub them well with a paste of baking soda and water.

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A child's tiny puffed sleeve needn't be ironed. Smooth it around a burnt-out lightbulb of the right size when it's damp. Let it dry that way—puffy and pretty.

BUILD A STRONGBOX

Build for yourself a strongbox,
Fashion each part with care,
Fit it with hasp and padlock,
Put all your troubles there.
Hide therein all your failures
As each bitter cup you quaff,
Lock all your heartaches within it,
Then sit on the lid and laugh.

Drive With Care!



THEY LEAN TOWARD GOLF—Only perpendicular things in this picture are the "1" in its title "1st. Tuxedo Tournament," and the two gentlemen in right background. The party, still in soup'n fish, had "tee" to start off the New Year in style at Goose Creek Country Club, Leesburg, Va.



ANDREW ATTRIDGE, 10, arrives at London Airport from Shannon, Ireland, after running away to visit his aunt for the second time in four months.

Agricultural price support cost $80 million

OTTAWA.— Agricultural price support from 1946, when support prices were instituted, to March 31 last cost the Canadian taxpayer $80,163,658.

The figure is given in the 1953-54 report of the price support board tabled in the Commons.

Nearly 69,000,000 of the total went to support hog and cattle prices because of the embargo on shipments of livestock and livestock products to the United States following the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan in February, 1952.

Breakdown of price support by products: Hogs $35,734,425; cattle, $33,408,941, apples, $6,106,725; potatoes, $2,036,175; butter, $1,606,742; skimmed milk, $677,404; dried white beans, $194,419; honey $177,066, and eggs, $65,408.

The moon has a surface one-fourteenth as large as the earth.

Special study for seasonal unemployment

Special committees to study the seasonal unemployment problem in each community and to co-ordinate efforts to ease the situation have been set up in the Prairie Region of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, W. Duncan, of Winnipeg, regional superintendent, has announced.

These committees, 14 in all, have been appointed at Portage la Prairie, Dauphin, The Pas and Flin Flon, in Manitoba; at Yorkton, Swift Current, Estevan and Weyburn, in Saskatchewan; Blairmore, Drumheller, Red Deer and Edson, in Alberta; Kenora in Northwestern Ontario, and Dawson Creek, B.C. Membership of these committees includes representatives of business, municipal government, labor, management, the press, and veterans' and women's organizations.

In addition to these special committees, 12 local employment advisory committees meet regularly in the Prairie Region on a year-round basis. Their make-up is similar to that of the special committees and they act in an advisory capacity to the Unemployment Insurance Commission, Mr. Duncan pointed out. At present, these local committees are busy investigating employment conditions in their areas and promoting remedies to relieve the winter-time employment lack. The 12 advisory committes are set up in Winnipeg and Brandon, in Manitoba; in Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert, in Saskatchewan; Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton, in Alberta; and Fort William—Port Arthur and Fort Frances in Northwestern Ontario.

Recommendations will be made to the U.I.C. wherever the local employment committees or the special committees on seasonal unemployment see an opportunity to affect a general easing of the problem in business and industry in their area.

TOWN IS LARGER

CARMAN, Man.—This southern Manitoba town is bigger than officials thought—by one-eighth of a mile on the eastern boundary. The error was discovered when provincial surveyors took measurements for a new highway. Mayor F. C. Harris said the original mistake was apparently made in 1905.

CITY TOTAL

VANCOUVER.—Using the civic voters list as a base, the population of Vancouver at the start of the year was estimated at 395,918, an increase of 1,516 in the past year.

Today is yesterday's pupil.

Standard Bridge

by M. Harrison-Gray

Dealer: South
Game all.

N.
♠ Q 7 5 2
♡ A 6 4
◇ Q 4 2
♣ Q 7 6

W.
♠ A 10 8
♡ Q J 9 8
◇ 10 6
♣ 10 9 8 3

E.
♠ K 9 3
♡ 10 5 2
◇ K 9 8 3
♣ J 5 4

S.
♠ J 6 4
♡ K 7 3
◇ A J 7 5
♣ A K 2

This example helps to explain why hands with the same point count are known as "good" and "bad" hands. South's opening One No-Trump is raised to Three, a contract that is inevitable with a combined count of 26; the fact that it is bound to fail is due to the complete lack of "intermediates" (Tens, Nines and Eights).

West leads ♡Q or ♣10. South is not helped by finding ◇K with East, for the suit will not produce more than two tricks, and he will be lucky to develop a Spade trick in time, so the probable outcome is two down. Honour trick valuation suggests that South has a "good" hand, but the point count shows it to be a dead minimum for a standard No-Trump. Tomorrow's feature shows the effect of hotting up the intermediates.

$78,500 in grants Sask. hospitals

OTTAWA. — Nineteen Saskatchewan hospitals will receive a total of $78,500 in federal health grants, it was revealed here recently by Hon. Paul Martin, federal minister of health.

A $42,500 grant will be shared by eighteen hospitals. It will be used to provide special equipment for extending the maternity and newborn services of the following institutions: Canora, Estevan, Lafleche, Leoville, Moose Jaw Union, Nipawin, Prince Albert, Victoria, Rosetown, Rockglen, Saskatoon City, Saskatoon St. Paul's, Shaunavon, Tisdale, Moosomin, Yorkton and Dinsmore hospitals.

The Prince Albert Victoria hospital will also receive a $15,000 grant toward the cost of adding 23 beds for the treatment of paediatric cases.

A similar grant of $21,000 goes to the Shellbrook Union hospital, Shellbrook. It will be used in the hospital's current expansion program. Twenty-two active treatment beds, six bassinets in cubicles, a community health centre and accommodation for six nurses are being added.

SECOND TO ONTARIO

Manitoba is second only to Ontario in total value of fur production in Canada, and since 1931 the value of the fur industry has increased by over 500 percent.

Many former Sask. residents returning 'home' for Jubilee

Former residents of Saskatchewan, now living in nearly every section of Canada and the United States, still keep in touch with old friends and with provincial happenings through their "home-town" weekly newspapers. And in many places they gather together once or twice a year in their new communities to hold Saskatchewan re-unions.

The Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee has found the town weeklies a great help in locating individuals and families who have moved out of the Province, but who will want to return to join in the celebrations for Saskatchewan's fiftieth birthday. Mailing lists of papers going to other provinces and states have provided hundreds of names for special invitations to Jubilee events. Out-of-Province readers of the Saskatchewan weeklies have written in personally to say they are coming back for a visit during the height of the festivities.

A request from the Golden Jubilee Committee for more names, appearing in all Saskatchewan weeklies, brought a response that almost swamped Box 1955, Regina, which is the Homecoming Committee's post office box. Readers in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax, St. John, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and scores of other cities answered the appeal with their own names and the names of friends living near them. Residents in Saskatchewan towns sent in names of former residents, or contacted a friend in another province to prepare lists and send them in to Box 1955.

Thousands of cards have gone out from the Jubilee committee, with a personal invitation to return to Saskatchewan for this Jubilee Year. Names are still coming in, and invitation cards are still going out. Mailing lists will be revised and increased until well into the summer.

From many places

Random samples of names from one Jubilee file shows these addresses for former Saskatchewanians:

Toledo, Ohio; Vancouver, B.C.; Irma, Alta.; Grand Forks, N.D.; Lunenburg, N.S.; Hamilton, Ont.; Victoria, B.C.; Montreal, P.Q.; Prince George, B.C.; Earl Creek, Nebraska; Alhambra, Cal.; Wichita, Kansas; Los Angeles, Cal.; Akron, Ohio; Greenford Middlesex, Eng.; Ardmore, Pa.; Pasadena, Cal.; Emmet, Idaho; Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America; Washington, D.C.; Byron, Michigan; New Orleans, La.; David City, Neb.; Long Island, New York; Carmel, N.Y.; Rio Vista, Cal.; Rome, Italy; Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Aberdeen, Scotland; Bristol, Eng.; Vizag District, India; New Delhi, India; Oldenburg, Germany; Haderslev, Denmark; MacKenzie, British Guiana; Tel-Aviv, Palestine; Oksendalen, Nordmore, Norway; Atlanta, Georgia; Mosgiel, Otago, New Zealand; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Talara, Peru; Drome, France; Maracaibo, Venezuela; Placetos, Cuba; Nahuru, Kenya, East Africa; Bahrain, Persian Gulf; Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Replies to the Jubilee invitation make interesting reading, and quite frequently give historical facts of early settlement days. One lady wrote that she was the prize baby of 1905 in one Saskatchewan town and was returning to take part in the town's celebrations this summer.

Worst spring

Another former Saskatchewan resident said he settled in the Weyburn district in 1903. His letter gave weather details of what he called "the worst spring in history". A resident of White Rock, B.C., told of being in Regina for the ceremonies when Saskatchewan was established as a province in September, 1905.

J. W. Warren, vice-president and general manager of The Brown Derby of Hollywood, California, wrote that he was a former resident of Saskatchewan and still has two brothers in the province. He plans to visit here this summer.

Aaron Sapiro, outstanding figure when the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool was first organized in 1924, replied from Los Angeles, Calif., that "I both desire and intend to be present at part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations in July, 1955."

According to Fred McGuinness, Jubilee executive director, the next mailing of invitations to visit Saskatchewan in 1955 will be sometime this spring. He expressed the hope that all additional names possible will have been sent to Box 1955, Regina, by that time. Every name of a former resident means a personal invitation to help Saskatchewan celebrate her Jubilee.

Alberta stockyards topped all previous records in 1954

The Alberta Stockyards in Calgary during 1954 topped all previous cattle marketing records when 306,000 head, 285,648 cattle and 20,638 calves were handled.

Previous record was 271,000 head in 1948.

In addition to the cattle, hog marketings totalled 149,498, sheep 43,342, and horses 1,475. The previous high years saw handled 243,039 cattle, 28,568 calves, 216,000 hogs, and 69,065 sheep.

The trembling aspen is the American tree with the widest range.

Canada's new poultry testing plant is nearing completion

(Federal Department of Agriculture)

Canada's new central testing station for poultry breeding stock is nearing completion. It is expected to be ready to receive the first birds entered in the new random test policy on April 1.

The new building marks another forward step in the record of performance for poultry that has been in operation for 35 years in the interest of improving poultry breeding in Canada.

Located on the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, the station will serve poultry breeders in any part of the country. Its purpose is to provide breeders with a means of testing representative samples of their birds under uniform conditions of feeding, housing and care.

The station, a one-storey building, contains 68 pens identical in size, 12 x 16', arranged on either side of a central alley. The building is 425 feet long with a central block containing a feed room, and an egg storage room with controlled temperatures. Each of the 68 pens will accommodate 50 birds, and since each breeder's entry will consist of 100 birds this permits each entry to be housed in two pens, one on either side of the central alley to allow for any differences in temperature or other conditions due to the location of the pens.

Equipment in the pens is so arranged that droppings can be removed and eggs gathered from the central alley. Water is brought to the partitions between the pens so two pens can be supplied from the one outlet.

All birds will be fed the same all-mash ration, checked and tested to maintain a constant uniform mixture. The mash will be fed from a self-feeder in each pen. The entire operation is designed to insure that all pens have identical treatment in order that any difference in the performance record of the birds will be due to inherited factors and not to variations in feeding, housing and management.

The four end pens and those in the corners next to the feed room will be treated as buffer pens for the first year, or until it is established that conditions in them are no different than in pens with birds on either side of them. They will be used to house a random bred strain developed by the Central Experimental Farm and not as test pens.

There will thus be 60 test pens available or enough to accommodate the entries from 30 breeders. Each entry will consist of one 30-dozen crate, or 360 eggs, drawn by poultry inspectors of either the Canada department of Agriculture, or the provincial departments of agriculture, from one day's production of a poultry breeder's flock.

All the eggs from the various entries will be brought to a central point and hatched at the same time in the same incubator. From each 360-egg entry it is expected 100 pullets will be hatched, or sufficient to make up the 100 birds required for the test pens. The test starting April 1, 1955, will end in August, 1956, or when the birds are 500 days old.

The new Testing Station is the result of months of planning by committees appointed at the National Poultry Breeding Conference held at Ottawa in June, 1953. This conference was attended by representatives of all provincial poultry departments, universities, poultry breeders, and officials of the Canada department of Agriculture's Poultry Production and Marketing Services and the Poultry Division of the Central Experimental Farm.

In opening the conference the chairman, Mr. S. C. Barry, now director of Production Service, Ottawa, described the overall purpose of the project when he said:—

"Efficiency in poultry production operations requires certain specific qualities in the stock in farm or commercial flocks. The egg producer wants early maturity, a high degree of liveability and the maximum production of desirable market eggs from the minimum of feed. The meat producer wants a good meat type, liveability and a high rate of feed conversion into body growth. They both have at least an indirect interest in such qualities as fertility and hatchability which to a considerable extent determine the cost of chick production.

"The qualities of performance which the poultry breeder wants in his birds are dependent in varying degrees on environment and on heredity. But even in those factors where the influence of heredity may be relatively low the degree of their presence, genetically, can represent the difference between profit and loss in the poultry operation."

The latest addition to the R.O.P. policy is designed to provide breeders with a means of assessing, under common management conditions, their progress in fixing desirable production characteristics in their strains and to improve their breeding operations in the general interests of the Canadian poultry industry.

Lend after-dark glamor to the wearer





This sparkling evening gown, left, of nylon tricot chiffon, by Canadian couturier Raoul-Jean Foure of Montreal, is overlaid with filigree of gold embroidery on sheer. A less formal after-dark frock is the pure silk taffeta model, right. Styled with elongated bodice, it has a cuffed neckline and shallow decollete. —Central Press Canadian.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY —

THE SENTENCE

—By JOHN T. KIERAN

"I'll never burn!" was Tainter's repeated assertion, even after they had removed him to cell block K, that island of the condemned set in this sea of humanity's flotsam and jetsam. And now his great opportunity had come.

Cell block K was separate from the other cell blocks and situated in the centre of the huge old building that formed part of the prison. Ordinarily the cells in K would have been the last word in inescapable imprisonment, but just as they had been made more cunning-proof than the cells in the other blocks, so were the men confined in them possessed of more cunning and a relentless, desperate sort of courage than the men in the others.

Tainter was one of the condemned. Until the moment of his execution he was to be confined in block K. Burn him! That was what they were going to do. Give him the chair. But they wouldn't! He would never burn. Any chance, any attempt, no matter how desperate would be preferable to waiting here for the time when they would sit him down in that chair. It scared him every time he thought of it. He wasn't a coward. No one who knew him would ever say that. He had faced death too many times in his operations. Maybe it was why he was so successful a killer, his lack of fear. But this! Led like a sheep to be bumped off by a trickle of juice he couldn't even see. No matter what happened he would not be electrocuted.

For a long time the whole prison had been seething with discontent. Crowded quarters, restricted privileges due to lack of facilities, and other less well-founded complaints had made the men rebellious and sullen. And the men in block K, the condemned and the incorrigibles, smouldered with the fires of desperate natures or the fears of what was coming.

Tainter engineered the break from the start. By means of the usual underground telegraph the entire block was in on the plan. Several of the trusties had been enlisted. They were to furnish the revolvers and to aid the men in getting out into the corridors.

Tainter feared only one man. That was Hardy, the head warden. He had such an uncanny way of ferreting out breaks just before they broke. Also there was Father Hazzlet, the prison "sky-pilot." He was always advising against rashness. Nothing but grief could come of it, he always said. In fact he had dissuaded men more than once from making breaks for liberty.

But neither Hardy nor Hazzlet had gotten wind of the break. And it was too late for them to do it now. In a minute it would be in full swing. One of the untrustworthy trusties motioned to Tainter from the corridor, handing him a revolver as he came to the bars.

"Everything O.K. Ladder in the east yard. Here's the match and gas."

Tainter pulled some newspapers from under his mattress, wadded them and poured the gasoline from the small bottle over them and the mattress and lighted the match. In a moment the bunk was in flames.

As the smoke rolled into the corridor pandemonium broke out. The flames licked up the mattress and started on the walls of the flimsy old partition. The acrid smoke made Tainter cough violently.

He had not intended for the fire to gain so much headway. The trusty was to see the smoke and run for one of the "screws" to come and let Tainter out. Then Tainter was to do the rest.

Finally the guard rushed up and unlocked the door. As Taintor bounded out he hit him with the butt of his revolver and took his keys. Swiftly he started to let the others out.

But something now had alarmed the main office. The button there that unlocked or locked the cells by electricity, the same juice that was to have burned him, was touched. Instantly the remaining cells were doubly locked. His keys did no good. He flung them away with a curse.

"Come on!" he yelled to the half dozen he had liberated. "We can make it into the yard."

But as they started down the corridor a hail of bullets swept it. The trusty dropped. The others retreated.

In a turn of the corridors they halted. Tainter had his revolver and one of the others had the guard's.

"We've got to make a run for it!" Tainter exclaimed. "Smithy and I will lead. You guys follow."

They made another desperate sally and got half way down the hall to where Hardy and the three guards were barring the way. Smith dropped. Tainter fired three of the six shots in his gun and saw a guard fall. Again they retreated. Tainter the last to turn.

"We've GOT to go through them," he stormed. "In a moment they'll have a dozen guards. We've killed a guard, so we'll all burn if we don't. But I'll never be electrocuted. Come on!"

"Here comes Hazzlet!" one of the men whispered.

And indeed he was walking toward them, partially obscured by the smoke that nearly filled the corridor.

Tainter grinned slowly. Just the thing! "We'll use him as a shield to lead us by them!" he announced.

In a moment Father Hazzlet had reached them. "Men, this is folly, you can't go on with it.

Without a word Father Hazzlet started out. But the smoke must have confused the men at the other end. Another hail of bullets swept the corridor. With an oath Tainter turned on Hazzlet and fired. But the others were running ahead now, hands high in surrender. But HE wasn't surrendering. He still had two bullets. A stream of water from a fire hose drenched him suddenly. He fell back. Not out that way. The freight elevator! Dumb not to have thought of it before. Down to the basement, then into the yard.

He sprang into the elevator, gasping from the stench of burning rubber. His wet shoes made

"Oh can't we?" Tainter mocked. "They can't get back here, either. And unless they do everyone in the building will fry. You are goin' to lead us past them!"

"I will not!"

"Going to let five hundred men cook then?"

Hazzlet hesitated. Then looked at the flaming cell that Tainter had fired. The one next to it was burning. The freight elevator behind it was also in flames. Men were pounding on the bars and screaming now in deadly earnest.

"Goin' to let them sizzle? I'm in earnest. I AIN'T goin' to be electrocuted, see!"

contact with the iron floor, and as he touched the iron door which had been electrified by the cage's touching the cables from which his fire had burned the insulation, he stiffened and then crumpled. He had been electrocuted.

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Long Wait for the Next Course



Booklet reveals Canada still king world's grain exporting business

WINNIPEG.—Despite rising competition and falling markets Canada held on to its title as king of the world's grain exporting countries in 1953-54. A booklet, "Canadian Grain Exports-Crop Year 1953-54," just published by the board of grain commissioners, shows that Canada's wheat, wheat flour and rye exports represented approximately 30 percent of the world trade in bread grains. Canadian coarse grain clearances were more than 27 percent of the world exports of oats, barley and corn.

In the crop year August 1, 1953, to July 31, 1954, Canada's grain exports totalled 437,900,000 bushels, well above the 30-year average of 314,000,000 but well under the record 582,800,000 of the previous crop year.

Explains decrease

E. E. Baxter, chief statistician for the board, said in an interview the decrease could be attributed to several factors:

1. There was a lessening of the demand in the importing countries.

2. Argentina, after suffering two poor crop years and a third year of political upheaval over grain policies, charged back into the competitive market in 1953-54.

3. United States wheat proved a stronger competitor.

4. There also is a belief, yet to be proven, that importing countries tended to build up stocks during the Korean war and since Far Eastern tensions have subsided somewhat these countries now are using those stocks.

However, the biggest factor in the sharp decline from 1952-53 was the severe drop in the United Kingdom purchases. The U.K., biggest importer under the International Wheat Agreement from 1949 to 1953, dropped her membership last year and her wheat imports plunged to 65,800,000 from 102,000,000.

Germany was the heaviest buyer of Canadian wheat under the IWA with registered purchases of 17,000,000 bushels.

While sales were off to other countries, Canada's grain trade with Japan soared to unprecedented heights. In pre-war years Japanese wheat imports averaged approximately 5,300,000 bushels annually. Returning as an importer in 1949-50 with the purchase of 5,100,000 bushels, Japan expanded her purchase to a record 39,400,000 in 1953-54.

Of the 12 countries importing more than 10,000,000 bushels each in 1952-53, all but Japan reduced their imports. Pakistan and Yugoslavia withdrew from the Canadian market entirely.

Commonwealth countries took 26,500,000 bushels of Canada's 46,300,000 wheat flour exports, a reduction of 10,200,000 over 1952-53. The Philippines, with 5,200,000, was also a major buyer.

U.S. takes oats

The principal market for Canadian oats was again the United States which took 65,900,000 bushels of the total 69,900,000.

The market for rolled oats and oatmeal improved slightly, from 500,000 bushels in 1952-53 to 800,000 last year, but barley shipments suffered a drop to 90,100,000 from 118,900,000. However, last year's figure still represented the second heaviest crop-year clearances in history.

Shipments to Germany and Belgium declined while clearances to the United Kingdom advanced 3,500,000 bushels to 19,600,000. The United States resumed its positions as heaviest barley importer —36,900,000. The spot was held by Germany in the previous season.

Rye exports reached a record high of 16,800,000 bushels, due to heavy U.S. buying. Flaxseed exports increased to 5,200,000 with heavy buying from Belgium and Japan.

Wadena member to move address to throne speech

REGINA.—The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne at the coming session of the provincial legislature, will be moved by Fred A. Dewhurst, M.L.A. for Wadena, Premier T. C. Douglas has announced. The seconder will be Dempster H. R. Heming, M.L.A. for Moose Jaw.

The third session of the twelfth legislature will open on Thursday, February 10th. After the formal opening and a routine sitting on Friday, the throne speech debate will begin on Monday, February 14th.

The mover of the throne speech, Mr. Dewhurst, was born in Regina in 1911, but has pursued farming as an occupation, in the Dahlton district, since the completion of his education. Mr. Dewhurst has served on the Archerwill credit union board, the Barrier Lake school board, and the Dahlton wheat pool committee, and was active in organizing the Archerwill co-operative store. He was first elected to the provincial legislature in the Wadena by-election of 1945, and was re-elected in 1948 and 1952.

The seconder, Mr. Heming, was born in England and received his education at Westminster and King's University, London. He has resided in Moose Jaw since 1912.

Mr. Heming has been a trade unionist for over 40 years, and has served on the local and general grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. He has been an alderman of the city of Moose Jaw, and a member of nearly all boards of council.

First elected to the Saskatchewan legislature in 1944, Mr. Heming has represented the city of Moose Jaw for the past 10 years.

BONUS INSIDE

CARMAN, Man. — Mrs. R. Adamson got more than she bargained for when she purchased a fish from a pedlar. Inside the fish was another, about six inches long and three inches in girth.

Farmers show keen interest in crop insurance hearings

The Manitoba Crop Insurance Commission, under the chairmanship of W. G. Malaher, conducted hearings at Killarney, Melita and Brandon during the second week of January and keen interest in the proceedings was shown by farmers in each district, with 80 attending at Killarney, 90 at Melita and 65 at Brandon.

In each case, states H. E. Wood, secretary to the Commission, those attending represented widely scattered districts around the meeting centre.

"Manitoba farmers are becoming conscious of the need for a greater security and stabilization of farm income," Mr. Wood said, "and they are seeking a solution through the study of crop insurance."

The general feeling regarding the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, which has been in operation for the past 15 years, is that it has provided needed assistance in the past but is now outmoded, Mr. Wood suggested.

Note of caution

Nevertheless, delegations to the Melita meeting particularly were cautious about discarding a plan like the PFRA until something better could be found.

The farmer delegates were generally of the opinion that if suitable protection could be secured against the high cost of today's mechanized farming methods, they would be prepared to pay more than the levey now charged under PFRA.

Any system of crop insurance, they felt, requires the support of the senior governments when faced with a widespread disaster to crops such as was experienced in 1954.

At all hearings, Mr. Wood noted, several briefs were presented and many farmers voiced their own opinion from the floor.

In nearly every case, he said, briefs were the work of several groups or organizations.

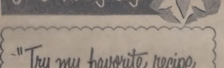
Fed passengers ants, herring

VANCOUVER, B.C.—C. P. Airlines reported it had to feed some of its trans-Pacific passengers live ants and raw herring.

The passengers were penguins, gold fish, monkeys and an anteater CPA has been ferrying to Canadian zoos.



MACDONALD'S
Fine Cut
Makes a better cigarette

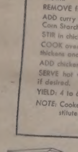


"Try my favorite recipe for the month"

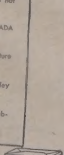
CURRIED CHICKEN

4 tablespoons MAZOLA Salad Oil
½ cup finely chopped onion
1 clove garlic (optional)
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch
2½ cups chicken stock
2 cups cooked diced chicken

PLACE MAZOLA Salad Oil in heavy kettle; add onion and garlic.
COOK over low heat until onion is tender but not brown.
REMOVE from heat; remove garlic.
ADD curry powder, salt and BENSON'S or CANADA Corn Starch blending well.
STIR in chicken stock gradually.
COOK over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil.
ADD chicken, mixing well, then heat thoroughly.
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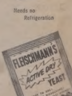
SASKATOON — The Canadian Olympic speed skating trials will be held here Feb. 12 and 13, Ken West, president of the Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association, announced Monday night.

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Cream in a large bowl
¾ cup butter or margarine
Gradually blend in
¾ cup fine granulated sugar
Gradually beat in
3 well-beaten eggs
Add to yeast mixture, about a third at a time, beating well after each addition.
Mix in
3 cups more once-sifted bread flour
Divide soft dough into 3 bowls to finish as three specialties.



1. Butterscotch Nut Buns Melt 3 tablespoons butter or margarine in 8-inch square pan; brush sides of pan with fat; mix in 1 tablespoon corn syrup, ⅓ cup lightly-packed brown sugar and ⅓ cup broken walnuts or pecans. Combine in a shallow bowl ½ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and ⅛ teaspoon nutmeg. Cut out rounded spoonfuls of dough, coat with cinnamon mixture and place in pan; sprinkle with any remaining spiced sugar. Cover and let rise until double in bulk. Bake in moderately hot oven, 375°, about 35 minutes.

2. Cheese Pull-Aparts Line bottom of a greased 8-inch square pan with greased waxed paper. Cut half of dough into rounded spoonfuls; place in pan; sprinkle with 2 cups shredded cheese. Spoon remaining half of dough on top; grease tops. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderately hot oven, 375°, about 35 minutes.

3. Seed Buns Cut out rounded spoonfuls of dough and drop into greased muffin pans—each spoonful should about half fill a pan. Brush with melted butter or margarine; sprinkle with poppy seeds. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderately hot oven, 375°, 20 to 25 minutes.

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No. 1 c.w. 2 row	.74
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No. 3 c.w. 2 row	.71
1 feed	.70
Rye—	
2 c.w.	.80
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1955

FAR EASTERN SITUATION

Movement of US warships assigned to assist in evacuation of Chiang Kai-shek's forces from Tachen Islands, now under attack by Chinese communists, poses new peril in realm of international affairs.

Purpose of Chinese Reds, it is clear, is to seize control of all coastal islands now in Nationalist hands, including Tachen and Quemoy groups. Loss of islands, long regarded by Nationalists as stepping stone to ultimate reconquest of Chinese mainland, will be severe blow to morale of Chiang's troops in Formosa.

Barring incidents, chances are that US warships will not engage in battle with Chinese Reds over Tachen and Quemoy groups. US is committed only to defence of Formosa proper and of Pescadores group, which lies closer to Chiang's stronghold than to mainland. Implication of evacuation of Quemoy, with US naval assistance, is that Washington no longer regards re-conquest of Chinese mainland by Nationalist forces as strategically practical, and that US interest in Formosa rests on purely defensive position.

Imponderables in situation are twofold. First, there is possibility that presence of US warships in Tachen area may result in incidents that will involve US in full-dress war with Red China Second, Peking regime, for reasons of prestige, may decide to push beyond conquest of Nationalist-held coastal islands and attack Formosa. In such circumstances, war between US and Red China would seem a certainty.

Significant aspect of developments in Far East is that US, not UN, has taken initiative, and that strategic rather than political considerations dominate the US position.

THIS IS NO REASON FOR DELAY

According to reports from Ottawa the Prime Minister has delayed his oft-hinted Senate reform plans because of a decision of the Roman Catholic church refusing permission for a priest to accept a Senate appointment

This is a matter for the church to decide for itself, but whatever the decision, it is no excuse for delay in reforming the Senate. Prime Minister St. Laurent recently won praise for apparently making a stand against Duplessis of Quebec, but when the chips finally went down he was found to be only manoeuvring in the shoddy game of politics which divides this country. Surely Mr. St. Laurent, on the question of Senate reform which is endorsed by the people, will be statesman-like enough to follow through with changes which he obviously knows are needed The refusal of one group or another, or of individuals to participate, is no reason to hold up the reform. The only ones who stand to benefit are old Liberal politicians. They want no change, but want to be rewarded for their party services.

The situation with regard to the Senate grows worse each passing session of Parliament Recently we had two Senators arguing as to whether or not there was anything for them to do between Thursday night and Tuesday, when the sittings are adjourned. Most Canadian citizens are inclined to wonder what they do on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well, for so little of importance is ever done in the Red Chamber. Yet there is a great opportunity, and occasionally we see signs of it even now, when Senators, who are particularly well-informed on a certain subject, may rise above party considerations and air an opinion or venture criticism of government policy. These instances are very rare. The reason they so seldom occur is that the membership of the Senate is too restricted to ex-politicians They are men who may have made their way in politics, but it has been, generally speaking, a safe way, hewing close to the party line, never embarrassing their superiors and continuing to work for the party's continuing election. When they come to the Senate, with few exceptions, they are tired men able only to follow party leadership as they have done all their lives.

If Mr. St. Laurent cares to he will find across this nation many men, who have great experience in agriculture, industry, education and arts, who would come to the Senate. They would be informed men, respected men, and their opinions on matters before them would have the weight of authority and the advantage of independence.

Then, and only then, will the Senate be of real value to Canada. The need is clear, but it will require statesmanship to climb over the pretty politics that stand in the way of small men. A big man, a statesman, could step over them without hesitation.

—The Calgary Herald.

Local and District

Mrs. Wm. Hall is a patient in the Drumheller Municipal hospital, where she underwent an operation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bremner, of the Queen's Hotel, motored to Calgary the beginning of this week.

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Miss Lorraine Eberle, who is employed in the Wheat Pool office, Calgary, spent the week end in Delia visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eberle.

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Mrs. Douglas Borwick and daughters, Linda and Eileen, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stoness, for the past two weeks.

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Following the cold spell, the weather became milder the beginning of this week. At present writing skies are clear, with bright sunshine, and readings around mid-day in the low 40's.

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W. H. Gaetz, manager of the local branch Canadian Bank of Commerce, accompanied by Mrs. Gaetz, arrived back in Delia Monday evg. Mr. Gaetz had been ill for some time in Edmonton, and hopes to resume his duties shortly at the bank.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Kempf, and daughter, Bette Ann, motored to Edmonton last Thursday, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Hara, and returned Sunday. Incidentally Kasper took all the family to see the Ice Cycles.

Alberta Safety Council

A comprehensive survey to determine the safety needs of Alberta towns and rural centres has been undertaken by the Alberta Safety Council.

In launching its 1955 campaign against traffic hazards, the Safety Council will seek first hand information on conditions. It will contact municipal authorities, chambers of commerce and boards of trade, and other groups to ascertain the nature of the safety problems in their respective communities and type of campaign generally needed.

Paul Lawrence, safety director for the ASC, announced recently that letters have been sent to mayors and secretaries of towns and municipalities to inform them of the present effort. Various other organizations will also be notified, so that they will have an opportunity to express their views on local needs.

In this way, there will be a great volume of suggestions assembled, which will be a valuable guide to the Safety Council in carrying on its fight this year against motor vehicle and other accidents. Furthermore, it will give greater impetus to the trend toward a lower accident rate, which was revealed in 1954.

Robert M. Hume, of the Alberta Safety Council, will make the survey, visiting various towns and meeting officials and other citizens.

On Monday, February 14th, Mr Hume, will visit Redwater, Radway, Smoky Lake, Vilna and St. Paul, where an evening meeting is possible.

On Tuesday, February 15th, Mr. Hume will visit Derwent, Two Hills, Hairy Hill, Bruderheim Mundare, Vegreville, Innisfree, Mannville and Vermilion, where a night meeting is being arranged.

Mr. Hume will be in Lloydminster, February 16th for a luncheon meeting. He will visit Wainwright that night.

On Thursday, February 17th, Mr. Hume will go to Viking, then on to Sedgewick, Daysland, and hold an evening meeting in Camrose

February 18th includes Stettler, Castor, Hanna, and a night meeting in Drumheller.

Last year the Alberta Safety Council sponsored a Courtesy Campaign opening at the end of June, in which more than 50 cities, towns, villages, hamlets and municipal districts took part. In the fall and winter, it staged a safe walking and driving campaign under the slogan, "Death Begins At Dusk," which also was marked with success.

Last year, 84% of the fatalities in motor accidents occurred on rural roads. Furthermore, 60% of the injuries last year were on highways outside of urban centres. These figures underline the need for the promotion of safety to the greatest degree possible in rural areas, in the opinion of the Safety Council.

1,500,000 New Testaments Go Out To Canadian Children

Canadian Gideons reached a new milestone in 1954 in the distribution of New Testaments to Canadian school children.

The month of November saw the placing of the one-and-one-half millionth copy of the Scriptures in Canada by The Gideons. This was the cumulative effort of the past 43 years, the period in which The Gideons have been organized in Canada, and carrying on this Bible-placing ministry as an association of Christian commercial and business men.

The one-millionth copy of the Scriptures was placed in January, 1952, in Victoria Hospital, in London, Ontario, since which time a period of a little over two-and-a-half years, one half a million Books have been sent out. Of this impressive total, complete Bibles numbered one-half a million, familiar sights in Hotels, Motels, Hospitals, Schools and Prisons. New Testaments made up the balance and were presented to nurses in training, service personnel and to school children.

Apart from these Canadian placements, many thousands of copies of the Scriptures have been sent overseas to England and to Japan. The current foreign enterprise of The Gideons International in Canada is the supplying of upwards of 25 000 copies of a bi-lingual Spanish-English New Testament for distribution in hotel guest rooms in Mexico, a work now well underway.

In Alberta distribution of Bibles and Testaments is organized by members in Edmonton, Calgary and several other smaller centres. In Edmonton, 3,200 school children received copies of the New Testament while 5,000 were shipped out to School Divisions in Northern Alberta.

Cover Crop Returns

Lethbridge Experimental Station Weekly Letter.
A. D. SMITH, Agronomist

Profitable returns were obtained from pasturing cattle on oat cover crop in 1954 at the Claresholm District Experimental Substation. Cattle were on cover crop from the first part of September till the end of the year without supplementary feeding, because of almost ideal weather for fall pasturing during this period.

The carrying capacity of the earlier-seeded cover crop was above the general average of one acre, pasturing one mature animal for one and one-half months, while the later-seeded cover crop was below average. Oats seeded on summer-fallow at one bushel per acre in mid July were ready for pasturing six weeks after seeding, and one acre pastured one animal for two months, while oats seeded at the same rate on summer-fallow at the end of July were not ready for pasturing until the first part of October, and the carrying capacity was only one animal per acre per month. Plant growth was relatively slow during late August and all of September.

Twenty five head of cattle, on grass pasture for three weeks and then on oat cover crop for fourteen weeks without supplementary feeding, made an average daily gain of two pounds per day per animal.

It was not until 1937 that fall pasturing of cover crop was done on an extensive commercial scale. Prior to this, soil drifting control was the main reason for seeding oats in July on summer-fallow.

With the exception of a few years when cover crop growth was sparse because of low germination and forage yields were reduced by aphid and grasshopper damage, returns from fall pasturing cover crops have been profitable at both Pincher Creek and Claresholm Substations.

Favorable Durum Outlook

Catelli's Durum Institute predicts that the final payment on 2 C.W. Amber Durum marketed during the 1953 54 crop season will be in excess of 35 cents a bushel. Durum producers have already received an initial payment on this grade of $1.47 and an interim payment of 10 cents a bushel. It points out that the durum total payment should be well above those for bread wheat grades. It also notes that durum prices for the past 13 years have been at or above those of the corresponding grades of bread wheat and there is no sign of durum weakening.

Canada has 5,000 hotels.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By W. G. Malaher
Director, Research Department, Searle Grain Co., Ltd.

Farm Population Trends

During the past 20 years, significant changes have taken place on the North American Continent with respect to the farm population. In the U.S A., for instance, the number of persons living on farms is reported to have declined by close to 8 million between 1933 and 1952 Such a decline is far greater than during any similar period in the history of the U.S.A. In Canada the number of persons living on farms has likewise declined, latest census returns showing an overall drop of close to 400,000 during the twenty year period from 1931 to 1951. Here the decrease was most marked in the Maritimes and the Prairie Provinces where declines occurred of approximately 25 per cent and 20 per cent respectively Exceptions to the general trend were the Provinces of Quebec and British Columbia, where there was actually an increase in the number of persons living on farms.

The movement from farms to cities and towns has come about mainly because of technological developments, which have so increased efficiency that it now takes fewer farmers than formerly to produce the same volume of wheat or any other agricultural product. Western farms are larger, on the average, than they were, the number of acres cultivated and cropped tending to be geared to what is considered an economic unit, particularly from the standpoint of farm machinery.

In Canada there appears little likelihood of a reversal of this trend away from the farm, although in the U. S. A., the 1950 figures included an increasing number of purely "residential" farms, which now number about 800,000.

Japan's main exports to Canada are oranges, fresh fish, steel casings, plywood, china tableware, canned tuna, woollen gloves, toys, clothing, buttons, fish nets, jewelry, sewing machines and optical instruments.

—Quick Canadian Facts.

SEED TESTS FOR CROP ASSURANCE

Everyone is aware that the extremely heavy frosts last September did severe damage to cereal crops in central Alberta. In many cases this damage was apparent in light weight per bushel. Certainly the suitability of this grain for seed is questionably, advises Robert L. Pharis, Supervisor of Crop Improvement, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

Normally seed of high weight per bushel is considered satisfactory for seed, Mr. Pharis says, but the extremely heavy frost this year injured germination. Even grain that was nearly mature has shown evidence of impaired germination. This was particularly true of oats. Even though grain appears undamaged and is of normal weight, germination tests already carried out on this year's grain indicate that it is not wise to rely on such grain for seed until a germination test has been done and the reliability of the seed determined.

Germination tests can be carried out at home in moist sand or soil. Some of the elevator companies offer free testing service to farmers. Seed offered for sale requires an official test. Samples should be sent to the Plant Products Division, Immigration Building, Calgary. The fee for testing is 75¢ a sample.

Germination tests are important every year, but this year they are doubly important!

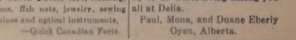
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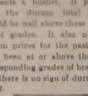
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W. H. Gaetz.

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